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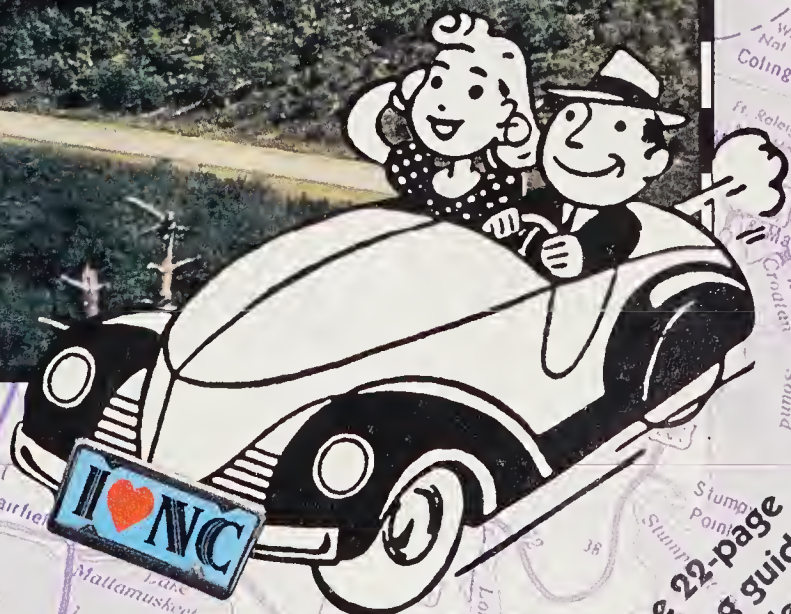
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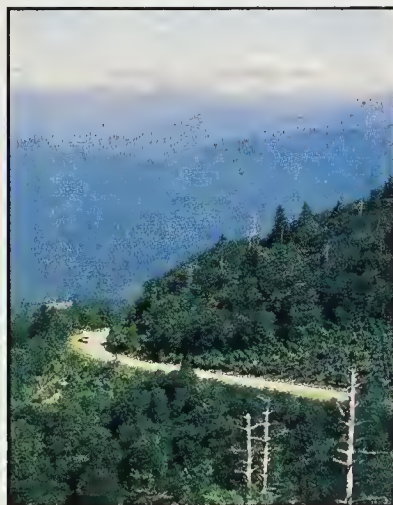
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## Nothing could be finer

We want you to know how much we look forward to receiving our copy of Carolina Country. When we moved to the beautiful mountains of the County in November 1992, we became members of Blue Ridge Electric. We had no idea that our membership would include a subscription to a magazine that is timely, well-written and full of interesting articles. We enjoy reading from the comfort of our BREMCO supplied ETS [electric thermal storage] unit we do so! Retirement life in N.C. is great!

*Garland & Patti Wiggs, Crumpler*

## Love from Bear Creek

On behalf of the Ladies Aid Society of Antioch Christian Church, I would like to thank you for the help you gave in promoting our cookbook, "Seasoned With Love." The response from Carolina Country readers was overwhelming. We all enjoy Carolina Country and share it with others who are not served by electric co-ops.

*rs. Frances O. Johnson, Bear Creek  
Randolph EMC*

## Dam error

I just wanted to call your attention to an error in the "From Amps to Stamps" article [March 1996]. The dam in the center column on page 20 is Grand Coulee, in Washington state, not Hoover Dam, a very different looking dam, much more narrow and tall. I well remember when FDR came through Spokane on his way to dedicate the Hoover dam site.

*Mayrelee Newman, Boone  
Blue Ridge Electric*

## For stamp collectors

My wife and I are recent immigrants to North Carolina from the north, and we both enjoy your publication. I was especially interested in the article, "From Amps to Stamps" [March 1996]. I also collect stamps by topic. Your Burke County readership might be interested to learn that a stamp club was just organized in the area. The Foothills Stamp Club plans to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Interested persons should call me at (704) 438-8828.

*Bruce Glenn, Morganton  
Rutherford EMC*

## 102342/107=956

We have received many responses to the number puzzle "Twelve/Two=Six" [Joyner's Corner, March 1996]. To be eligible for the \$10 prize, the deadline for entries was April 15.

Because Charles Joyner created the puzzle, we gave him the privilege of recording the correct responses and choosing the winner at random among them. As of early April he had placed more than 360 correct responses into his computer list. He will select the winner after April 15, and we will announce the name in our June magazine.

Those who worked the puzzle know the answer: 102342/107=956. The magazine's editorial staff gave up trying to solve it after about a half hour, but our accountant had no trouble with it.

Judging from the returns to this contest, Charles Joyner has plenty of fans, including many who asked for similar challenging puzzles. They should check out the one on page 40 of this issue. And they can count on steeper challenges to come.—Ed.

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## Buttermilk defined

I read with interest the "Homemade Butter" article [February 1996]. I was taken aback by the mistake in the directions. Number three reads, "When you have one gallon of cream, place it in the churning jar and allow to stand in warm place until the cream curdles. It takes about 24 hours, and what you'll have is buttermilk." Well, sir, that is not what you have. What you'll have is a jar of warm cream! My brother, Bob, and I helped on a farm for several years back in the Sixties. We both vividly remember turning up a glass of buttermilk on a warm summer morning. Who could forget it? Anyway, lest you doubt us, allow me to quote Webster: "buttermilk - the fluid remaining after the solids in cream have coalesced into butter in the churning process." Now I trust you'll print this correction so your readers will drink from the right jar when they get a hankerin' for buttermilk.

Arthur T. Ray, Boone, Blue Ridge Electric

## Heavenly cookies

Margaret O'Gara of New Bern called Monica Russell, our "Country Kitchen" editor, to praise Golden Carrot Cookies With Orange Butter Icing, the recipe Monica chose for the March magazine. Ms. O'Gara said, "If you taste them when they come directly from the oven, they are heavenly!" She said she made a double batch of the cookies and delivered them to the local Coast Guard station where they were a big hit. The recipe was submitted by Edna Rath of Albemarle.

Mrs. Robert Lerch of Raleigh also wrote to praise those cookies to high heaven.—Ed.

## A Katherine Fowler wannabe

Someone out there is noticing the Upgrade in your layouts. "Farm Fresh Striped Bass" [January 1996] was fantastic with its text flowing like seaweed in water along with the fish. "Household Helpers" [January 1996] was interesting with its gingham squares by the photo captions.

I am taking a course in desktop publishing at Beaufort County Community College. When the teacher, Diane Mills, asked us to bring in examples of magazine layouts, I brought these articles. The class loved them. To think we might be capable of doing that when we graduate!

Arlene Tice, Greenville

## Green tomatoes declassified

Instead of identifying fried green tomatoes as a Southern dish ["Letters & Comments," February 1996], it really should be classified as a country dish. Growing up, I looked forward to the first big plateful of fried green tomatoes when the garden started producing. Before the first frost came, Mama would pick all the unripened tomatoes and we would gorge ourselves. When I happened across some green tomatoes at a produce stand after moving to Florida, I was delighted. The clerk guessed correctly that I was originally from Pennsylvania, because, she said, only people from Pennsylvania bought them green. Now I am living in North Carolina, still enjoying fried green tomatoes. However they are classified, they are great.

Katherine Black, Scaly Mountain  
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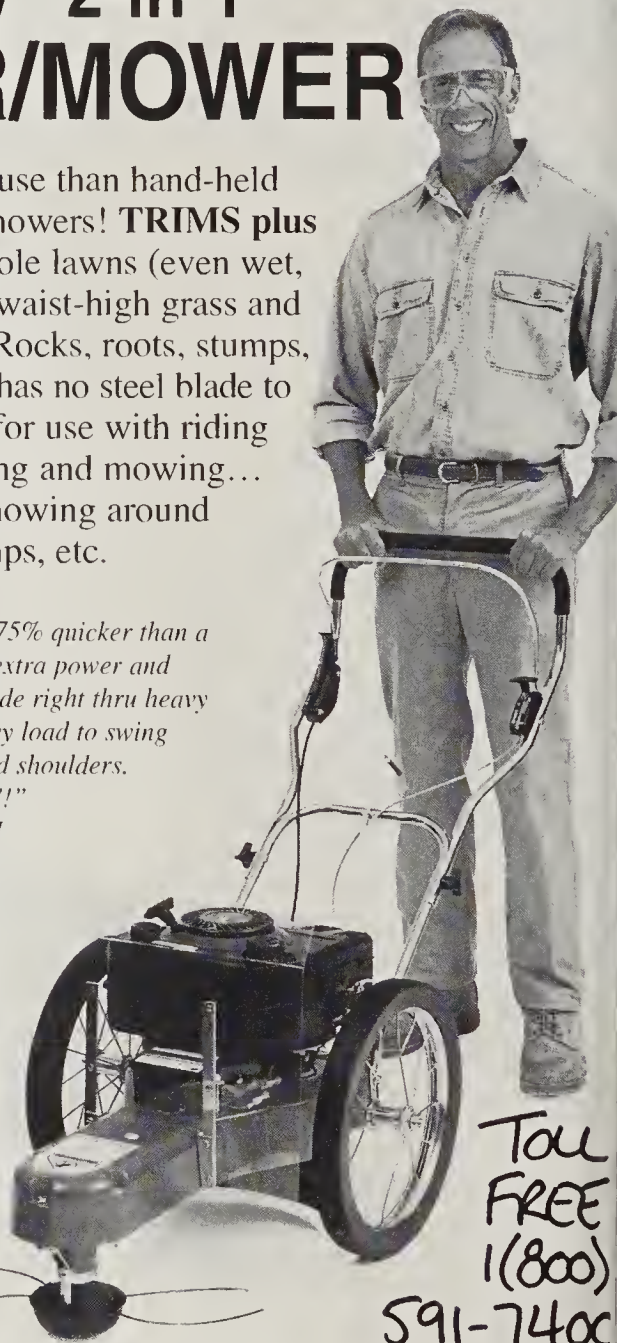
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In response to the article titled, "Why log homes are warm and cozy?" [March 1996], I submit the following.

Logs have a moisture content that changes with the seasons. This causes the logs to change size. Gaps appear between the logs, and a cold wind enters your home and steals your heat. The article reports an "R" value of up to an R-12. Our state building code requires an R-13 in the walls.

Most log homes are constructed with pine, a soft wood that termites love. If the logs are pre-treated, there is concern about exposing your family to those chemicals. Plus, the treatment does not last forever, so the homeowner must bear the expense and exposure of retreatment.

Log homes tend to cost more than a normal house. If the homeowner uses something other than pine logs, the cost will increase enough to make anyone think twice about building a log home. Just why then, are log homes such a good buy?

*Doug Buchanan, Indian Trail*

*Carolina Country checked with two North-Carolina based log home companies to produce the following response:*

While it's true that logs, as a natural element, will tend to "move" a bit with the seasons, it's also true that today's log construction technology allows for that movement. Logs are allowed to settle into place without encountering any obstruction (spike or lag screw heads, window/door frames, etc.) so that the gaps Mr. Buchanan mentioned will not result.

Second, the components of most joinery systems are designed to "flex" with the seasonal movement of the logs, thus maintaining a tight seal at horizontal and vertical joints. The most telling sign of a tightly constructed home is its rate of air infiltration. The National Association of Home Builders Research Center conducted a study of eight log homes. The final report, published in 1991, concluded, "The energy efficiency of ...log homes... compares well with conventionally insulated wood frame homes" [see *Carolina Country*, March 1996].

Concern over termite damage is a common one. The steps taken to protect all homes from termites — treatment of the ground prior to construction and a termite shield — will protect log homes equally well.

Regarding the chemicals used to treat the wood to protect it from the elements, any wood exposed to the weather must, regardless of its species, be given protection from the elements. For log homes, that protection typically consists of an application of a preservative to the exterior shortly after the walls are erected, and retreatments every 2-3 years thereafter. Any treatment that may occur at a log home manufacturing plant will be limited to a non-toxic fungicide/mildicide designed to control blue-staining. Stronger treatments are avoided because half of each log will become a permanent interior fixture.

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Good roads run into a great many mountain coves. The boys and girls have gone out of the valleys to the schools. And now a good many simple mountaineers are waiting in hopefulness for some simple tourists. But the characteristics of the mountaineer remain. An individual may emerge from isolation swiftly, but a people does not immediately lose the characteristics created by long dwelling apart. The tourist is now to be welcomed, but to come to trust the stranger wholly is a more gradual process.

Jonathan Daniels

From "North Carolina: A Guide to the Old North State," a Federal Writers' Project publication issued by the University of North Carolina Press, 1939

Carolina Country dedicates its 1996 edition of "See North Carolina" to everyone who appreciates North Carolina's people and the countryside where we live and work.

Walter E. King is one of us. In 1976 he set out to visit every city, town and cross-roads community in the 52,669 square miles of our state. It took him nearly 20 years. He had to quit his job in 1993 so that he could complete his journey. He visited more than 4,000 North Carolina communities and took photographs in each. He rented cars to get there and drove more than 35,000 miles.

When his trip ended a year ago, he returned the car to the Charlotte rental agency, American Adventure, that he had been using all along.

"Well, I'm returning the car for the last time," Walter told them at the agency.

"What are you going to do now?" they asked him.

"Look for a job," he said.

So they offered him a job, and Walter works at American Adventure today.

Walter King tells about his North Carolina trip in "Now I've Seen It All," beginning on page 10. You'll notice that his is a big heart, and that he left some of it everywhere he went.

His story suits Carolina Country perfectly. Like the magazine, his story will reach our readers — the members of North Carolina's electric cooperatives — because he visited the places where they live, and he appreciates them.

The remaining pages of this "See North Carolina" edition also try to reach all parts of the state. You'll notice that ours is a state with a big heart.

North Carolina's electric cooperatives — the member-owners, their elected boards of directors, and their employees — believe that all the people and all the places of North Carolina are equally interesting, entertaining and enterprising.

— Michael E.C. Gery



Walter E. King visited every town, city and community in North Carolina.

# Now I've seen it all

by Walter E. King



I am sure there are many people who have been to every county in the state, many who have gone to every county seat, and without question, many who have been to all the large cities in North Carolina. I like to believe, however, that I am the only person ever who has gone to every community. I logged almost 35,000 miles to do it. I not only went to all the communities, I also took a photo of a sign in each place showing the name of the area if only to prove that I had been there. I ended up with over 4,000 photos of such places as Big Lick, Morgan's Crossroads, Skippers Corner, Bearpaw, Climax — all the big towns, all the towns on the map, and all those not on the map.



At first, we would pick an area city to work toward and would try to seek out the communities and towns along the way. But when I left my job, I devised a pattern to work on. I headed out of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and toward the coast, working through all the counties on the South Carolina state line such as Anson, Robeson and New Hanover. When I got to the



In 1976, the year of the American bicentennial, my wife and I decided to travel to each and every town and community in the state of North Carolina in honor of the 200th anniversary of the United States.

It was quite a goal for a young couple, married only a few years, and we thought it would be fun and wouldn't take too long. It was fun when we were able to do it. But it sure did take a while. The project that was to have taken a year became an on-again, off-again journey that called on us to hit the road on weekends when we had nothing else to do. Over the years, it was a continuing dream. My urge

to finish something big in my lifetime kept me focused on this trip.

In 1993, the urge was too great to ignore. After years of riding across the state when we felt like it, I finally left my job with a large department store in a shopping mall that had taken over farm land outside Charlotte, and I hit the road full-time. It took me two years to finish visiting all the cities, towns and crossroads communities in North Carolina.

coast, I went north through all the counties along the Atlantic Ocean such as Pender, Hyde and Currituck. Then I went west along the Virginia border through Gates and Person, all the way to Ashe. Then I went south along the Tennessee border through Watauga and Mitchell to Cherokee.

I then turned back east toward Mecklenburg and along the Georgia and South Carolina borders through Clay and Henderson. When I got back home, I started an inner circle that took me on a long trip through counties that bordered on the one I had just passed through. I covered Stanly, Cumberland, Jones, Bertie, Durham, Wilkes, and ended up in



Asheville and Buncombe County. From there I had to backtrack to start another inner circle that brought me to Wake County, the last one I traveled through.

In each county, I went to every town and community I could find that was listed on the atlas that I used. Many times, I drove to a place that was listed, and when I got there, I saw nothing but beautiful North Carolina farmland—no homes, no stores, no houses, nothing. Many such communities in the state have simply come and gone, and there is little or no trace of their being. I once found a school diploma from Ore Hill, a community in Chatham County that lasted only seven years in the early part of this century.

I referred often to the indispensable book, *The North Carolina Gazetteer*, by William S. Powell, which lists everything there is about the state, as far as I know.

## Places to stay

There are many wonderful places to go to in North Carolina, and I found several that I would like very much to return to and even live in. So many places here offer an easy way of life, friendly people,

lumber business and barges loaded with wood cruising down the canal. Horseshoe also had a plantation and a hotel. When the Union troops came during the war, they took just about everything from Horseshoe except some horses that were hidden in local swamps.

I visited another rural community that has a wonderful feel to it — Lindell, right on the Wayne County — Greene County border. There is not much there besides wide open farmland and a local store that sells gasoline. The car I was driving was about out of gas that day, so I stopped in and bought some. The station was not all that attractive from the outside, but when I went

in to pay for the fuel, I found a little restaurant and wonderful buffet spread out where the old service bays used to be. A group of ladies enjoyed lunch at a long table, and the food sent a very nice aroma throughout the place.

One lady sitting there looked just like my grand-

my head just barely picked up a soap opera. Several of the ladies came over to offer me bread, but there was no way I could have put it on top of the food I was eating and really did not need. I think I caused some sort of confusion about not taking the homemade bread. They talked about me for not taking it and looked over their shoulders at me. One finally came over and asked where I was from, and I hope she understood me as I said “Charlotte” with my mouth full of that succulent fried chicken. That was Lindell.

I would plan a trip to two or three counties at a time. It might take me two days to go to all the places in one county, and when most of the week was gone, I’d return to Charlotte and do research into the names of each place I’d seen. I studied Rex, for example, the neat little community in Robeson County with its busy railroad tracks and little brick post office. I called the lady who works at the post office and asked her how Rex was named. She said it was named for the dog of an early settler there. So here is a little North Carolina town named for a dog. (I once



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scenic countryside and rich history.

South Mills is one such place. Located in Camden County, the little town sits just off Highway 17 on the historic Dismal Swamp Canal that runs out of Virginia and into the Pasquotank River. South Mills is a draw bridge over the canal in the center of town, and there is the calming effect of the nearby ocean and Albemarle Sound. Other little communities in the Camden County farmlands near South Mills are Sharon, Lilly and Tar Corner. The Camden County community that has seen better days is Horseshoe, named for a bend in the dirt road here. Horseshoe was very active before the Civil War, with a bustling

mother “Mammaw.” I walked over to the buffet and looked at the fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and fresh bread and just stared at it. I had eaten breakfast only a couple hours earlier and didn’t need to eat again. When a nice lady asked if she could help me, I felt almost out of control of my body as I told her “yes,” and she piled it on an old plate. I sat down alone at a table set up where they once changed oil in old cars. Right away they put in front of me a plastic pitcher full of sweet tea. The pitcher advertised Atkinson’s Corn Meal, the mill that has operated near Selma for over 230 years. I began to eat while an old TV over

ran into a man from Rex, Georgia who told me his town was named the same way. I wonder if it was the same dog.)

You often wonder how communities get their names.

A place in Union County was born when local people wanted to name their new post office. They requested a form from the Postal Service, and whoever sent the form had written on it “make it brief.” So they did. And today we have Brief, N.C.

In Randolph County 100



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years ago, a group met to name their settlement, and one person was impatient with people saying "Why not name it . . ." and "Why not name it . . ." He finally said, "Why not name it Whynot?" And so they did.

The little community of

Bridgewater on the Burke and McDowell county line is at a bridge over the Catawba River. But its namesake is Francis Egerton, Earl of Bridgewater (1736-1803) and a plantation

here by that name. There once was a nice old inn named for the Whiteoak family who settled here long ago.

Bricks in Edgecombe County was named for the husband of Mrs. Julia Elma Brewster Brick, who established a school here. (The old campus still stands.) Blackjack in Pitt County is named for the blackjack oak tree. Pop Castle in Vance County is named for the Popcastle Inn built in about 1734. The site was used as a race track during the Revolutionary War, and now it is covered by a housing development.

Many of the communities across

munities were named for famous battles, such as Cerro Gordo in Columbus County, named for a battle in Mexico.

## Signs of the towns

When I arrived in a town, I would try to find an interesting sign bearing the town's name. Almost all the cities and communities in North Carolina are marked by the famous green signs with white letters that the state puts up. I found quite a few that still had the old white signs with black letters on them. And almost all the good-sized towns across the state have erected their own signs that welcome visitors. And of course, there are the ever-present water towers that stand tall over communities and announce proudly the names of their home town. I found these four-legged metal giants all over the state.

Usually when I set out I would rent a car from American Adventure car rental agency in Charlotte. I rented a Ford Taurus or a Crown Victoria. They must have looked like state government cars, because when I would stop in little communities and get out

Baptist Church in that Cherokee County community, and the Sandy Mush Baptist Church in Rutherford County. In Wakelon, Bertie County I found a rusting old Mountain Dew sign at a closed store. Many old communities are identified by their old railroad depots, such as those in Maury (Greene County) and Old Fort (McDowell County). When we passed through Wise in Warren County (named for a local resident) we took a photo of a Wise Potato Chips sign.

Some communities have very large signs. How many times have you traveled Interstate 95 and seen the immense sign for Gold Rock in Nash County? There's really not

much of a community left there that I could find. The place has become a community of motels and fast-food restaurants for the motorists hurrying by on the interstate highway.

Advertising signs sometimes carry the names of places. Pepsi and Coke signs are all over, such as the Pepsi sign at Eli Whitney in Alamance County (named for the man who invented the cotton gin) and a Coca Cola sign at

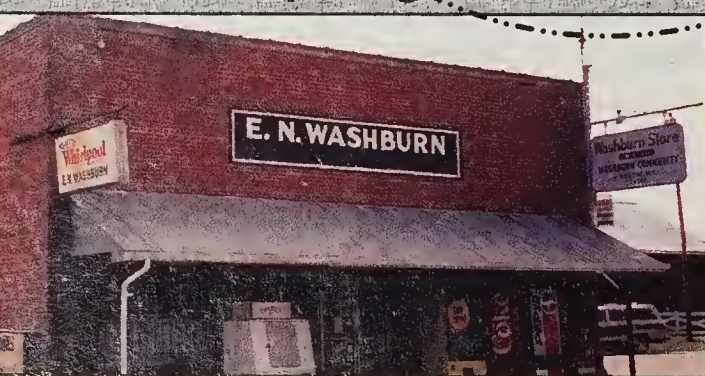


Why Not

Casville

Eli Whitney

Hurdle Mills



North Carolina are named for churches, such as Courtney in Yadkin County, Trinity in Union County, and Asbury in Montgomery County. Others are named for people, places, other towns, trees, fruits, tribes of Indians, lakes, creeks, military leaders, minerals, and things found on drug store shelves such as Ether (Montgomery County) and Epson (Vance County). Some com-

to take a photo of a sign, a local person sometimes would come up and talk to me as if I were with the state Department of Transportation. Some feared that a new road was coming through. Others worried I was going to take away the only sign that marked their community. Most of the time, people just watched me, including the local "community watch" people. At least once, I think, someone called the police on me when I sat in my car for a long time writing notes.

I tried to find interesting signs. Often I found no sign at all to mark a community, so I would look for something else bearing the name, such as the Hanging Dog Missionary

Kross Keys in Polk County (named because the roads that met here looked like keys laying crossed on a desk). There is a Carolina Diary sign at Cat Square in Lincoln County (named for unwanted cats put out the crossroads), a NuGrape sign over an old store at Potecasi in Northampton County (named for a creek, an Indian word for "parting the waters"), and a Smith Douglas Fertilizer sign at Churchland in Davidson County.

## Crossroads Gro. and Vol. F.I.

General stores from a bygone era still survive in many small North Carolina places and crossroads, and many of them let you know just

where they are. Rutherford County has Washburn store (named for the man who ran the store), Caldwell County has Edgemont Store on a lovely, long dirt road. And Baynes Store is definitely at Baynes in Caswell County.

Volunteer fire departments made up of loyal local people usually mark on their fire stations the names of their communities. There are hundreds across the state. I took photos of the fire stations at Thanksgiving in Johnson County (named for a local church that was organized on Thanksgiving Day), Bullock in Granville County, Casville in Caswell County, and Hurdle Mills in Person County, plus the fire truck at the Walnut Cove Volunteer Fire Department in Stokes County. I would consider myself lucky to come across a volunteer fire department that happened to stage a fish fry or barbecue dinner the day I arrived. I wouldn't fail to stop there to eat, because the food was always very good. I stopped at the Jupiter Volunteer Fire Department in Buncombe County for a bake sale and bought three tables of goods.

The morning I went to the little

lead to little communities. A large green sign on Highway 70 north of Asheville points to New Bridge, for example, and it does not direct you to a bridge but to the community of that name. A large green sign on Highway 321 out of Hickory points to Sawmills, which is an active community named for the sawmills that were here. For years, I passed by this sign thinking it gave helpful directions to lumber truck drivers. The sign for the Lagoon Blueberry Farm does not lead you to where blueberries are grown in a lagoon in Bladen County. A sign pointing to Spot in Currituck County does not warn you of a spot in the road, but for a little community honoring the fish caught in local waters.

I noticed that Tyrrell County has the fewest signs indicating local communities. I found only four in the entire county. They were on a church at Soundside, a sign at the county seat of Columbia, a pumping station at Gum Neck, and the stern of a boat in Alligator.

called the volunteer fire department.) And I was riding all over Bertie County in March 1993 when the famous "storm of the century" hit the state. It was 65 degrees and sunny where I was, but there were gale force winds a few hours down the coast at Morehead City at the time. I remember listening to the radio and hearing warnings to leave the beaches. I called my wife in Charlotte, and she said it was snowing very hard at home. And yet, there I was in beautiful weather in Bertie County.

You never know where the most beautiful and comfortable place in the state is going to be on a given day.

I truly enjoyed my trip throughout North Carolina. I loved seeing our awesome mountains, rolling terrain, and ever-changing coast. I respected all the communities where people live and work and care for one another. We are all very fortunate to live in a state that is so broad and offers so much to see and do. In all these places, large and

small, there is a great amount of history we can be proud of. I encourage anyone traveling through North Carolina to take the back roads for a while and visit



● Bullock

● Wise

● Blackjack

● South Mills

community of Stumpy Point in Dare County, I found a group of people at the tail of the road where the community ends in Pamlico Sound. An air ambulance had touched down there, and I was notioned to stop. I looped back to take a photograph of the post office and noticed several women in nightwear at a house nearby. I didn't want to bother them, thinking that someone may have taken ill. I was touched by how the whole community was affected by the illness of this person. Because it was none of my business, I left at once and hoped the best for them.

I noticed some signs that can fool you if you don't know that they

## The prettiest place?

I followed my travels in all the months of the year and in all kinds of weather. I favored the sunny days, and we do have plenty of them. We also have plenty of odd weather. Passing through Newton Grove in Sampson County, I watched in my rear view mirror as a small tornado touched down just after I took a photo of the water tower against a backdrop of black clouds. I was in Kitty Hawk in Dare County after a rare snowfall had covered that beach resort. I was almost hit by lightning and later saw where the woods were set afire in Burningtown, Macon County. (I notified a local homeowner who

the people and communities who make up the real North Carolina.

*When he completed his journey, Walter E. King returned his rental car for the last time to the American Adventure car agency in Charlotte, and the manager there wondered what Walter would do next. He replied that he would look for a job. The manager offered him one at the car agency, and Walter works there now. He hopes to publish a book about his travels across North Carolina. Meantime, he has published a full-color poster showing state-erected signs from 25 towns he visited. The poster is available for \$15 (includes tax and shipping) from Walter E. King, P.O. Box 6152, Charlotte, NC 28207.*

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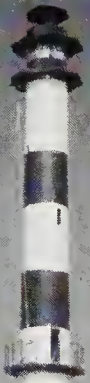
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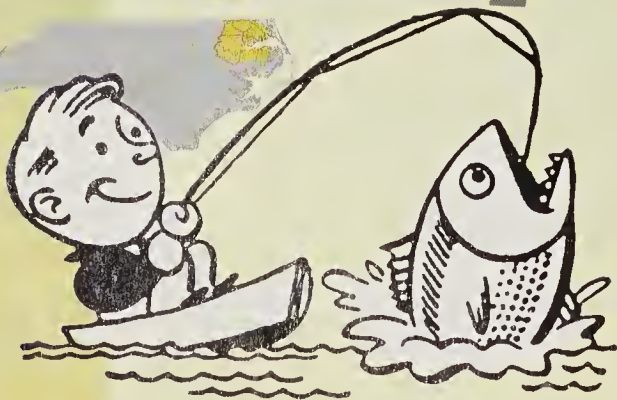
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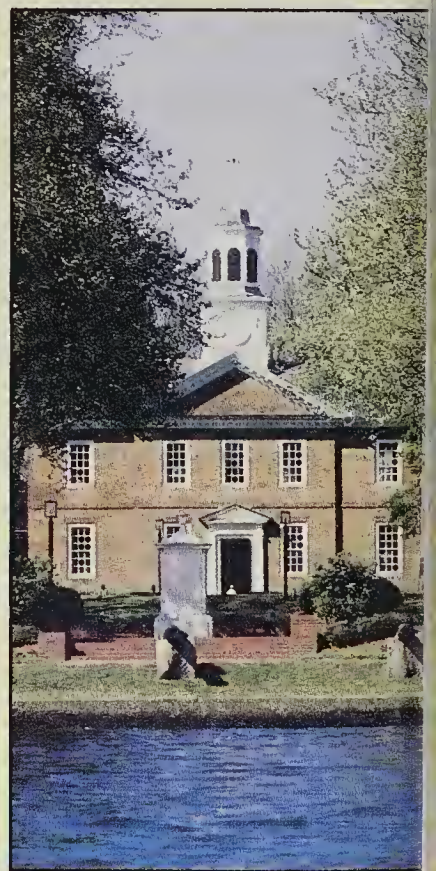
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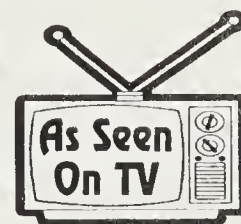
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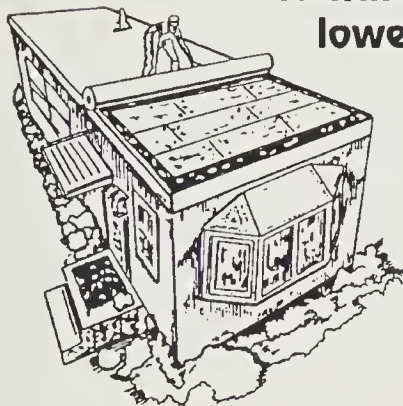
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**A**lthough towns formed here before they did anywhere else in the state, governments rise and fall like sand castles on the beach. Water, wind, and maybe whimsy as well, are the prime movers of the Outer Banks and Pamlico.

The Lost Colony didn't last on Roanoke Island. The Wright Brothers came and went. The great city of Portsmouth is a ghost town now. Settlers tried to live on Core Banks, but they moved on. They tried to drain Mattamuskeet and gave up. Shad once ran abundantly up the sound, but now they're gone.

But while they were here, they loved it. They loved it as those here today love it. You can't help it. The light is lovelier here than anywhere, reflecting the sea and sounds, penetrating the soul of anyone who stays. The surf and breeze can carry away your cares and bring you something fresh and new.

Reverence and renewal guide this region. People revere the forces of nature, for the bounty it brings, for the culture it creates and leaves behind. And they set about renewing it all from time to time: the waterfronts at Columbia, Washington, New Bern and Beaufort; the museums of Currituck, Hatteras and Harkers Island.

They learn, it seems, from the amazing renewal of nature itself in the 130 miles of protected seashore and the eight national wildlife refuges. Thanks to the water and wind, this area will never be the same.

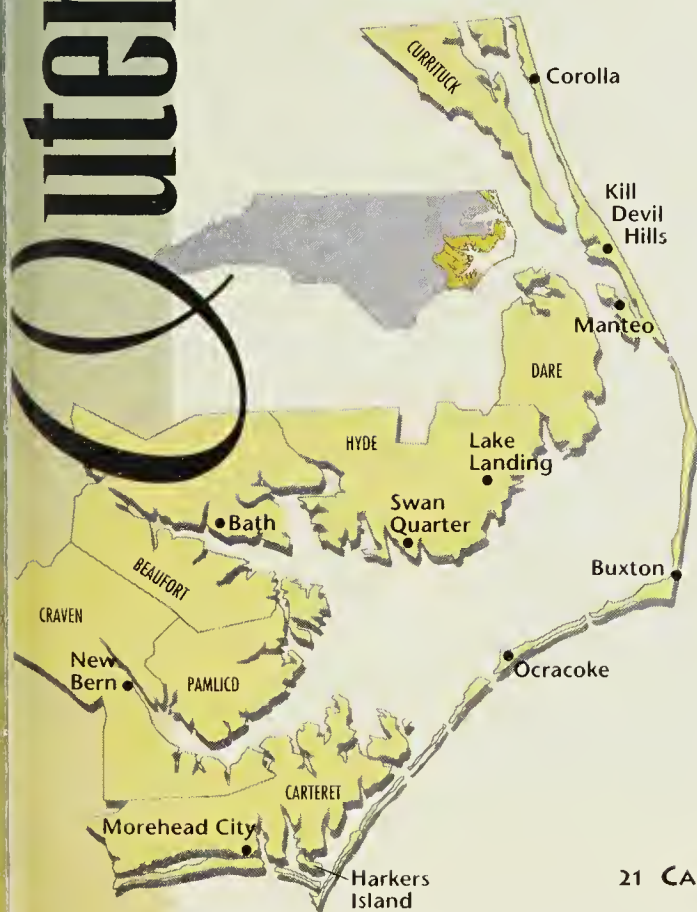


## Travel Information

Aycock Brown Welcome Center, Kitty Hawk. (919) 261-4644.  
Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce. (919) 943-3770.  
Carteret County Tourism Bureau. (800) 786-6962 / (919) 726-8148.  
Craven County Convention and Visitors Bureau. (919) 637-9400.  
Greater Hyde Chamber of Commerce. (919) 925-5201.  
Historic Bath Visitor Center. (919) 923-3971.  
Ocracoke Visitor Center. (919) 928-4531.  
Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce. (919) 441-8144.  
Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. (800) 446-6262 / (919) 473-2138.  
N.C. Ferries. (800) BY-FERRY.  
Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce. (919) 946-9168.  
Washington County Chamber of Commerce. (919) 793-4804.

## Culture and Recreation

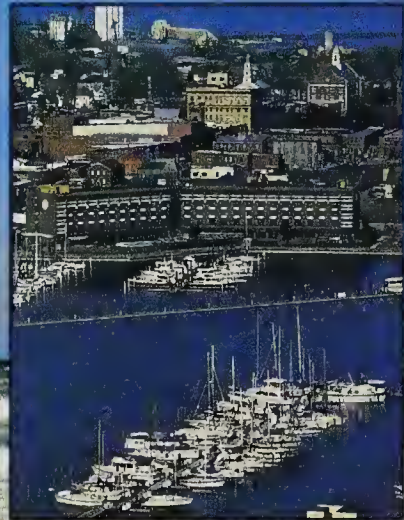
Colington Island. Site of the first permanent settlement on the Outer Banks.  
North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island. (919) 473-3494.  
Elizabethan Gardens, Roanoke Island. A memorial to English colonists. (919) 473-3234.  
"The Lost Colony." Outdoor symphonic drama, in summer, Roanoke Island. (800) 488-5012 / (919) 473-3414.  
Oregon Inlet Fishing Center. Center of sportfishing on the Outer Banks. (800) 272-5199 / (919) 441-6301.  
Oregon Inlet Campground. Run by the National Park Service. (919) 473-2111.  
Native American Museum and Natural History Center. Frisco. (919) 995-4440.  
Hatteras Fishing Center. The island's largest marina. (919) 986-2365.  
Ocracoke Pony Pens. About six miles from Hatteras ferry landing.  
Ocracoke Campground. Run by the National Park Service. (800) 365-CAMP.  
Frisco Native American Museum and Natural History Center. (919) 995-4440.  
"Worthy Is the Lamb." Musical drama at Crystal Coast Amphitheatre, Swansboro, during summer. (919) 393-8373.  
Bogue Inlet Pier. (919) 726-7021.  
Coastal Engineering Research Center, Duck 1,800-ft. research pier.  
Ghost Fleet Gallery, Nags Head. Art gallery hosts readings, art shows and lectures. (919) 441-6584.  
Seaside Art Gallery, Nags Head. Original works by Chagall, Dali, Picasso. (919) 441-5418.  
Belhaven Memorial Museum. Unusual collection. (919) 943-3055.  
Historic Bath Tour. (919) 923-3971.  
Tryon Palace and Gardens, New Bern. Home of William Tryon, governor of the colony. (800) 767-1560 / (919) 638-5109.  
Attmore-Oliver House, New Bern. Built in 1790. (919) 638-8558.  
The Fireman's Museum, New Bern.  
Bank of Arts, New Bern. Home of the Craven Arts Council and Gallery. (919) 638-2577.  
The New Bern Civic Theatre. (919) 633-0567.  
Aurora Fossil Museum, Aurora. Geology of the coastal plain. (919) 322-4238.  
Carteret County Museum of History, Morehead City. (919) 247-7533.  
Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, Harkers Island. (919) 728-1500.  
North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. (919) 247-4003.  
Old Town Beaufort Historic Site. Historic houses. (919) 728-5225.  
North Carolina Maritime Museum, Beaufort. (919) 728-7317.



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*Cape Hatteras National Seashore*



*New Bern waterfront*

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## **Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites**

- Currituck Lighthouse**, Corolla. (919) 453-4939.  
**Wright Brothers National Memorial**, Kill Devil Hills. Site of first airplane flight. (919) 441-7430.  
**Jockey's Ridge State Park**, Nags Head. East Coast's highest sand dune. (919) 441-7132.  
**Nags Head Woods Preserve**. (919) 441-2525.  
**Little Kinnakeet Lifesaving Station**, Avon.  
**British Cemetery**, Ocracoke. Memorial to four British sailors.  
**Fort Raleigh National Historic Site**. Sir Walter Raleigh's "lost" colony. Roanoke Island. (919) 473-5772.  
**Elizabeth II State Historic Site**. Reproduction of a 16th century English sailing vessel. Manteo. (919) 473-1144.  
**Saint Thomas Episcopal Church**, Bath. Oldest church in North Carolina.  
**Bodie Island Lighthouse**, south of Nags Head. (919) 441-5711.  
**Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge**. Bird sanctuary. (919) 473-1131.  
**Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station**, Rodanthe. Restoration. (919) 987-2394.  
**Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and Hatteras Island Visitor Center**. Tallest lighthouse in the U.S. (919) 995-4474.  
**Cape Hatteras National Seashore**. 75 miles. (919) 473-2111.  
**Ocracoke Lighthouse**. (919) 928-4531.  
**Lake Mattamuskeet/Swan Quarter National Wildlife Refuge**. (919) 926-4021.  
**Goose Creek State Park**. Washington. (919) 923-2192.  
**Portsmouth Island**. Uninhabited fishing village maintained by the National Park Service. (919) 928-4361.  
**Cape Lookout National Seashore**, Harkers Island office. (919) 728-2250.  
**Cape Lookout Lighthouse**. (919) 728-2250.  
**Croatan National Forest**. Southwest of New Bern. (919) 638-5629.  
**Neuse River Recreation Area**. (919) 638-5628.  
**Carrot Island/Rachel Carson Estuarine Sanctuary**. Across Taylor's Creek from the Beaufort waterfront.  
**Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge**. (919) 225-2511.  
**Fort Macon State Park**. Off N.C. 58. One of the 10 most-visited state parks in the country. (919) 726-3775.  
**Theodore Roosevelt State Natural Area**. Between Atlantic Beach and Pine Knoll Shores. (919) 726-3775.  
**Hammocks Beach State Park**. Accessible by ferry off N.C. 24. (910) 326-4881.

*Redhead duck decoy, Currituck County, ca. 1900 to 1930*



*Elizabeth II*



*Windsurfing at Cape Hatteras*

## **Special Events**

- Hang Gliding Spectacular**. May in Nags Head.  
**Wright Kite Festival**. July at the Wright Brothers National Memorial. (919) 441-4124.  
**Wacky Watermelon Weekend and Wind-surfing Regatta**. August on Hatteras Island. (919) 441-6800.  
**Virginia Dare Gossip Feast**. August in Manteo. (919) 473-5772.  
**Wanchese Seafood Festival and Blessing of the Fleet**. In June. (919) 441-8144.  
**New World Festival of the Arts**, Manteo. Mid-August.  
**East Coast Surfing Association Championship**. Cape Hatteras in September. (919) 995-578.  
**Historic Homes and Garden Tour**. April in New Bern. (919) 633-6448.  
**Seafood Festival**. Engelhard. Late May. (919) 925-2581.  
**Swan Days**. Swan Quarter. Early December. (919) 925-2581.  
**Tarpon Tournament**. Limit 100 boats. Late July Oriental.  
**Rotary Club Sailing Regatta, and Volksfest**. Labor Day weekend in New Bern. (919) 637-311.  
**Christmas Celebration of Tryon Palace**. (919) 637-1560.  
**Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament**. June in Morehead City. (919) 726-7021.  
**Bald Is Beautiful Convention and Contest**, Morehead City. (919) 726-1855.  
**Emerald Isle Beach Music Festival**. In May. (919) 726-6831.  
**Old Homes Tour**. June in Historic Beaufort. (919) 728-5225.  
**Traditional Wooden Boat Show**, Beaufort. Usually in May at North Carolina Maritime Museum. (919) 728-7317.  
**Strange Seafood Exhibition**. August in Beaufort. (919) 728-7317.  
**Chrysanthemum Festival**, New Bern. mid-October. (919) 638-5781.  
**Core Sound Decoy Festival**. December on Harkers Island. (919) 728-1500.

## **Electric Cooperatives**

- Tideland Electric Membership Corporation** (Pantego, Grantsboro, Ocracoke, Engelhard). (919) 943-3046.  
**Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative** (Buxton). (919) 995-4088.  
**Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation** (Harkers Island). (919) 728-2593.  
**Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative** (Morehead City). (919) 247-3107.

**F**rom Swansboro to Calabash, this coastline sparkles along Onslow Bay and tucks itself into Long Bay where you can actually see a sunset over the ocean.

The port of Wilmington with its historic district and upscale waterfront is the crown jewel. As the majestic Cape Fear River broadens, it passes Southport-by-the-Sea and rolls toward the point once called Cape Fair.

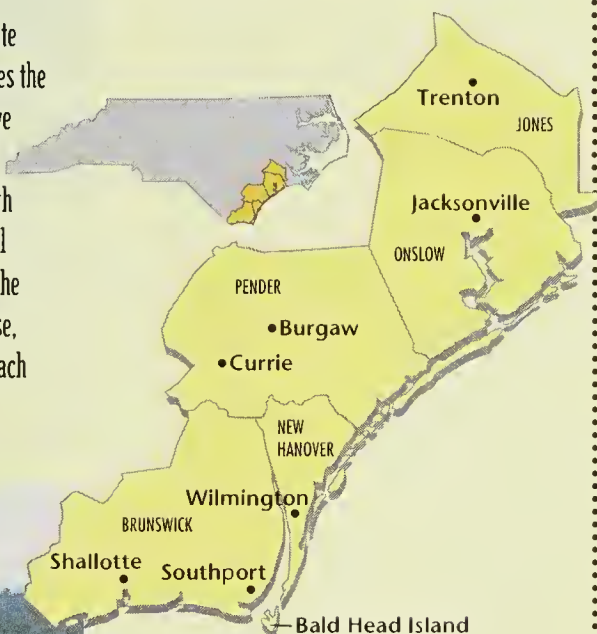
Gracious and gallant southern history is preserved at plantation houses and their grounds, Civil War forts, an American Revolution battlefield, the colonial Brunswick Town seaport and a WWII battleship.

Camp Lejeune, the world's most complete amphibious marine training base, dominates the region's northern reaches, and the expansive Holly Shelter Game Land shows its nature.

An intimacy with the sea gives the South Coast genuine fishing villages along the real Ocean Highway (U.S. 17), superb sailing in the Intracoastal Waterway, Bald Head lighthouse, seaside golf courses and family-friendly beach towns among its islands.

## Travel Information

**Bald Head Island information Center.** (800) 234-1666.  
**Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau,** Wilmington. (800) 222-4757 / (910) 341-4030.  
**Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce.** (800) 626-2780.  
**Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce,** Carolina Beach. (910) 458-8434.  
**Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce.** (800) 457-6964.  
**NC Brunswick Islands,** Southport. (800) 795-7263.  
**South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce,** Shallotte. (800) 426-6644 / (910) 754-6644.  
**Greater Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce.** (910) 347-3141.  
**Onslow County Tourism Dept.** (800) 932-2144.



## Special Events

**Cape Fear Open Marlin Tournament.** July at Wrightsville Beach. (910) 256-6666.  
**Wrightsville Beach King Mackerel Tournament.** In September. (910) 256-3581.  
**U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament.** September/October in Southport. (910) 457-6964.  
**North Carolina Jazz Festival.** February in Wilmington. (910) 341-4030.  
**North Carolina Azalea Festival.** April in Wilmington. The city's most famous annual event. (910) 763-0905.  
**Cape Fear Blues Festival and Amateur Blues Talent Contest.** August in Wilmington. (800) 222-4757 / (910) 341-4030.  
**Southern Lights Canadian Festival.** March in Wilmington. (800) 222-4757 / (910) 341-4030.  
**Riverfest.** October at Wilmington's Riverfront Park. (910) 452-6862.  
**Old Wilmington by Candlelight Home Tour.** Christmas tradition. (910) 762-0492.  
**Southport Fourth of July Festival.**  
**Christmas by the Sea Festival.** Mid-December in Southport. (910) 457-6964.  
**North Carolina Oyster Festival.** October in Sunset Beach. (910) 754-6644.

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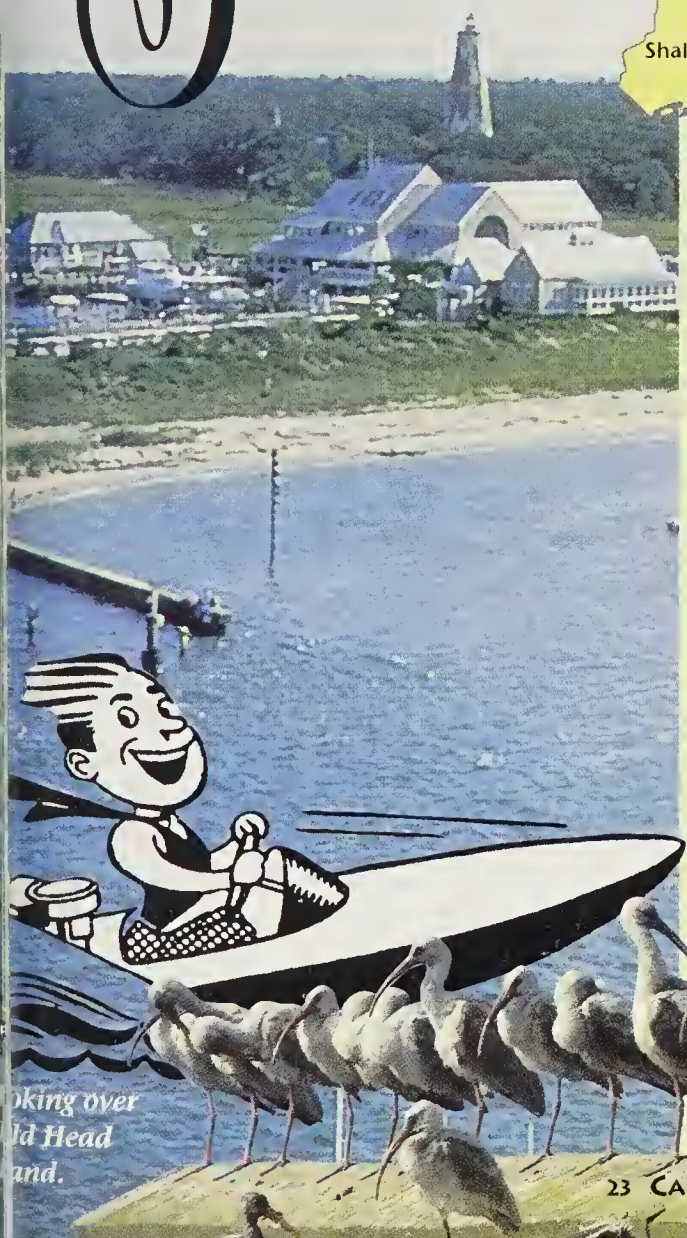
**Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base.** (910) 451-1113.  
**Wilmington Adventure Walking Tours.** (910) 763-1785.  
**Riverboat Cruises.** (800) 676-0162.  
**Horse-drawn Carriage and Trolley Tours.** (910) 251-8889.  
**The Burgwin-Wright House,** Wilmington. Three-level gentleman's townhouse. (910) 762-0570.  
**Zebulon Latimer House,** Wilmington. Four-story Italian Revival residence. (910) 762-0492.  
**Cape Fear Museum,** Wilmington. Social and natural history of the Lower Cape Fear area. (910) 341-4350.  
**St. John's Museum of Art,** Wilmington. Encompassing the former St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. (910) 763-0281.  
**The Wilmington Railroad Museum.** (910) 763-2634.  
**The Cotton Exchange.** North Front Street, Wilmington. Specialty shops and restaurants.  
**Chandler's Wharf,** Wilmington. Riverfront shopping and dining.  
**Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts.** (910) 343-3664.  
**Franklin Square Art Gallery,** Southport.  
**Orton Plantation Gardens.** South of Wilmington on N.C. 133. Former rice plantation. (910) 371-6851.  
**Poplar Grove Historic Plantation.** U.S. 17 at Scotts Hill. (910) 686-9518.  
**North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher.** (910) 458-8257.  
**Greenfield Gardens.** U.S. 421 south (910) 341-7855.  
**Airlie Gardens.** Off U.S. 74. (910) 763-4646.  
**Opera House Theatre Company,** Wilmington. (910) 762-4234.  
**Southport Maritime Museum,** (910) 457-0003  
**Southport Municipal Pier.** Howe Street on the Cape Fear River.

## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

**The Battleship "North Carolina,"** Wilmington. Renovated World War II battleship. (910) 251-5797.  
**Brunswick Town State Historic Site.** First settlement in the Cape Fear area. (910) 371-6613.  
**Moore's Creek National Battlefield.** N.C. 210 NW of Wilmington. Revolutionary War site. (910) 283-5591.  
**Fort Fisher National Historic Site,** Kure Beach. Civil War site. (910) 458-5538.  
**Carolina Beach State Park.** U.S. 421. (910) 458-8206.  
**Hammocks Beach State Park,** Off NC 24, (910) 326-4881  
**Bald Head Island Lighthouse.** Accessible by ferry.

## Electric Cooperatives

**Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation** (Shallotte, Whiteville, Oak Island, Bolivia). (910) 754-4391.  
**Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation** (Jacksonville, Sneads Ferry). (910) 353-1940.  
**Four County Electric Membership Corporation** (Burgaw, Elizabethtown, Rose Hill). (910) 259-2171.



Looking over  
Bald Head  
Island.

**T**his region's character comes from its rich, coastal plain farmland, its long-time role as a transportation corridor, and its development as a diversified society. It is authentic eastern North Carolina.

The state's best cotton, tobacco, corn and soybeans are produced here. Along these roads you can see old pack houses and newer bulk barns, historic auction warehouses, neatly planted fields that turn abundantly green, wagons loaded with firm cucumbers or compacted cotton, giant tractors, men and women working hard at a harvest.

Travelers have long found this a hospitable region. Railroads have connected all the cities. Routes 301 and I-95 are THE legendary north-south highways. Military aircraft command the sky. The Global TransPark soon will transform the region into a worldwide air shipping hub.

Even Sherman's army was not impeded in 1865 when it plundered this region. The southern portion, along the rich Neuse River plain, displays reminders of the Confederates' confrontation with Sherman. It all is explained at a state Historic Site in Bentonville. Although the plantation economy was finally laid to rest then, its elegant and fruitful aspects have been preserved in each county.

The area bred a population that has reckoned gradually and gracefully with its differences and its common destiny. Today, the amazing mix of people work and grow well together. Any place that produced Ava Gardner and Thelonius Monk must be doing something well.



Medoc Mountain State Park



Tarboro historic district

## Travel Information

Benson Chamber of Commerce. (919) 894-3825.  
Clayton Chamber of Commerce. (919) 553-6352.  
Eastern N.C. Chamber of Commerce. (919) 237-5151.  
Greenville/Pitt County Convention & Visitors Bureau. (800) 537-5564.  
Halifax County Tourism. (800) 522-4282.  
Johnston County Visitors Bureau. (800) 441-7829.  
Kinston Convention & Visitors Bureau. (919) 523-2500.  
Mt. Olive Area Chamber of Commerce. (919) 658-3113.  
Nash County Travel & Tourism Council. (800) 849-6825.  
N.C. Welcome Center (I-95 North). (919) 537-9836.  
N.C. Welcome Center (I-85 North). (919) 456-3236.  
Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce. (800) 522-4282.  
Wilson Visitors Bureau. (919) 243-8440 / (800) 497-7398.

## Culture and Recreation

Tarboro Historic District & National Recreation Trail. For a guide: (800) TARBORO.  
Blount-Bridgers House, Tarboro. 1808 plantation home includes the Hobson Pittman Memorial Art Gallery. (919) 823-4159.  
Community Council for the Arts, Kinston. Galleries, studios, historic district. (919) 527-2517.  
Harmony Hall, Kinston. Once owned by 1770s Gov. Richard Caswell. (919) 522-0421.  
Stonewall, Rocky Mount. 1830 plantation house with furnishings. (919) 443-4148.  
Country Doctor Museum. Only such museum in the U.S. (919) 235-4165.  
East Carolina Village of Yesteryear, Greenville. Agricultural life of the area from 1840-1940. On county fairgrounds. (919) 758-6385.  
Grifton Depot, Grifton. 1920 railroad depot. (919) 524-5169.  
Grifton Historical Museum, Grifton. (919) 524-5168.  
Robert Lee Humber House, Greenville. Contains eastern office of state Division of Archives and history. (919) 830-6580.  
Greenville Museum of Art. (919) 758-1946.  
Ava Gardner Museum. All about the legendary actress and county native. Smithfield. (919) 934-5830.  
Atkinsons Mill. 238-year-old operating grist mill, outside Selma. Tours. (919) 965-3547.  
Boyette-Slade and School House. Historic, one-room log house. Kenly. (919) 284-2911.  
Factory Stores of America. Headquarters and over 50 outlets. Smithfield. (919) 934-9446.  
JR's Tobacco & Fragrance Outlet. Selma. (919) 965-5055.  
Tobacco Farm Life Museum, Kenly. (919) 284-3431.  
Wayne County Museum, Goldsboro. (919) 734-5023.  
Arts Council of Wilson. (919) 291-4329.  
Imagination Station, Wilson. Hands-on museum geared to children. (919) 291-5113.  
Wilson Theatre-Grady Building, Wilson. Vaudeville theater under restoration. (919) 291-8281.  
Buck Spring Plantation, Warrenton. Home of early political leader. (919) 257-3640.

## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

CSS Ram Neuse State Historic Site and Richard Caswell Memorial, near Kinston. Restore remains of Neuse ironclad vessel. (919) 522-2091.  
Historic Halifax. Restored buildings tell of early Roanoke Valley life and politics. (919) 587-7191.  
Bentonville Battleground, Newton Grove. Site of one of the last great Civil War battles. (919) 594-0789.  
Clemmons State Forest. Educational forest. Clayton. (919) 553-5651.  
Charles B. Aycock Birthplace, Freemont. 1840s coastal cottage where the governor was born.  
Waynesborough State Park, Goldsboro. 142 acres. (919) 580-5391.  
River Park North, Greenville. (919) 830-4562.  
Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, Seven Springs. 73 acres riverfront. (919) 778-6234.  
Medoc Mountain State Park, Halifax County. 2,280 acres. (919) 445-2280.  
May Museum and Park, Farmville. May family artifacts. (919) 753-5814.

## Special Events

Cherry Hill, Warrenton. Concerts in spring and fall at plantation house. (919) 257-4432.  
Ayden Collard Festival. September. (919) 742-2270.  
Pickle Festival. April in Mt. Olive. (919) 658-3111.  
ECU Playhouse, Greenville. Summer theater. (919) 328-6829.  
Sunday in the Park, Greenville. Live music throughout July. (919) 830-4567.  
Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic, June 2, Pitt County. (919) 355-3222.  
Lobster Fair. Mid-October in Greenville. (919) 355-2125.  
Smithfield Ham & Yam Festival. April. (919) 930-0887.  
Benson Mule Days. September. (919) 894-3822.  
State Singing Convention. In Benson, June. (919) 894-3825.  
Four Oaks Acorn Festival. May in Four Oaks. (919) 963-3112.  
Selma Railroad Days. October. (919) 965-9840.  
Clayton Harvest Festival. October. (919) 553-6352.

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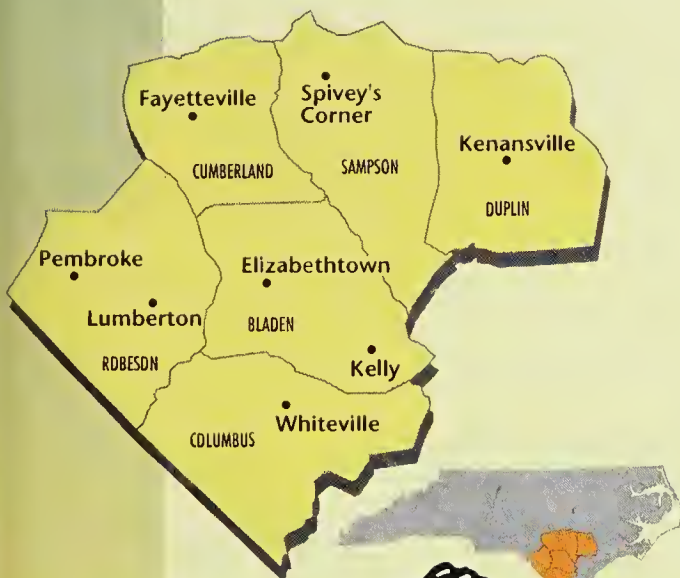
Pitt & Greene Electric Membership Corporation (Farmville). (919) 753-3128.  
Halifax Electric Membership Corporation (Enfield). (919) 445-5111.  
Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation (Tarboro). (919) 823-2171.  
Roanoke Electric Cooperative (Rich Square). (919) 539-2236.  
Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation (Dudley). (919) 735-2611.

**E**arly explorers called this Pine Plains because of the tall pine forests and sandy plains that dominate the region between the Lumber, Cape Fear and Black rivers.

There are natural features here that you won't find anywhere else. Among vast pine barrens are the famous Carolina Bays, probably formed by a massive meteor cascade, containing unusual fish and plants. It's delightful in all seasons, especially from a canoe in the quiet rivers. Red Springs, in fact, grew because of its healthful nature. At Lake Waccamaw, you can feel the relaxing transformation that the clear water of the area can impart.

The population centers of Fayetteville, Lumberton, Elizabethtown, Whiteville, Clinton and Kenansville each has a distinctive personality formed by the influences of farming, manufacturing and the military.

Lumbee Indian society prevails in the western sections, and the heritage is displayed at Pembroke. Fort Bragg has shaped the northern part for more than 70 years. Duplin County has a genteel farming heritage and is famous for developing the muscadine grape. Lakes and rivers dominate Bladen County. And Columbus County reflects an industrial prowess. Touring the Cape Fear River plain and the Green Swamp (140 square miles) instills a deep respect for the vast forests of the Pine Plains.



## Travel Information

Elizabethtown-White Lake Chamber of Commerce. (910) 862-4368.  
Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau. (800) 359-6971 / (919) 739-9999.  
Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. (919) 521-9758.  
Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. (800) 255-8217 / (910) 483-5311.  
Historic Fayetteville Foundation. (910) 863-4379.  
Old Fayetteville Association. (910) 483-2073.  
Duplin County Tourism. (800) 755-1755.



*Costumed Lumbee Indian*

## Culture and Recreation

Fayetteville Market House, historic market building landmark.  
Bow Street Commons, Fayetteville. Restored mercantile area.  
Museum of the Cape Fear, Fayetteville. (910) 486-1330.  
Elwell Ferry, Bladen County. (910) 862-3396.  
Duplin Wine Cellars. U.S. 117, Rose Hill. (910) 289-3888.  
Pembroke State University and American Indian Resource Center. (910) 521-6266.  
N.C. Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke. (910) 521-2433.  
Robeson County Planetarium. (910) 739-3302.  
82nd Airborne Museum, Ft. Bragg (910) 432-3443.  
John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum, Ft. Bragg (910) 432-1533.  
Pope Air Force Base, inside Ft. Bragg. Limited tours. (910) 394-4183.  
Flora Macdonald Campus and Gardens, Red Springs. (910) 843-5000.  
Robeson County Historical Showcase Museum, Lumberton. Exhibits about the culture of the county. (910) 738-7979.

## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Fort Bragg Military Reservation and 82nd Airborne Division War Memorial. (910) 432-3443.  
Heritage Square, Fayetteville. (910) 483-6009.  
Moore's Creek National Battlefield. Currie. Revolutionary War site. (910) 283-5591.  
Bladen Lakes Educational State Forest, Elizabethtown. (910) 588-4964.  
Turn Bull Creek Educational State Forest. Elizabethtown. (910) 588-4161.  
Jones Lake State Park, Elizabethtown. (910) 588-4550.  
Singletary Lake State Park, Kelly. (910) 669-2928.  
Lumber River State Park, Orrum. (910) 628-9844.  
Lake Waccamaw State Park. (910) 646-4748.



*Flora Macdonald campus, Red Springs*

## Special Events

National Hollerin' Contest. First Saturday in June, in Spivey's Corner. (919) 733-4171.  
"Strike at the Wind," Pembroke. (910) 521-2433.  
"Micajah," Autryville. Summer outdoor drama.  
Gen. William C. Lee Celebration. May, in Dunn.  
Summerfest. June, in Fayetteville.  
Flora Macdonald Highland Games. October, in Red Springs.  
International Folk Festival. September, in Fayetteville. (910) 483-2073.  
Sunday-on-the-Square. First Sunday in May, in Fayetteville. (910) 323-1934.  
Dogwood Festival. April.

## Electric Cooperatives

South River Electric Membership Corporation (Dunn, Stedman, Anderson Creek). (910) 892-8071.  
Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (Red Springs, Fairmont, Lake Rim, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Raeford). (910) 843-4131.  
Four County Electric Membership Corporation (Burgaw, Elizabethtown, Rose Hill). (910) 259-2171.  
Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (Shallotte, Whiteville, Oak Island, Bolivia). (910) 754-4391.

*Young yeller at Spivey's Corner*



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# The Triangle

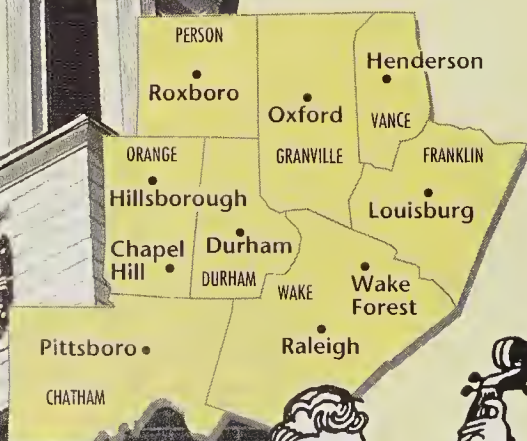
**H**ere is the hub of North Carolina – the official center of government, education, history, art, music, medicine, research and, in some seasons, college basketball.

The Triangle reaches from Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill into the surrounding countryside where citizens remain only as connected to the spokes as they choose. The collective population is about 887,000.

Anointed recently as one of the nation's best places to live and work, the Triangle also attracts a steady stream of visitors to its museums, handsome capitol building and government halls, fine universities, historic districts, renowned hospitals, competitive sporting events, the state fair, and cosmopolitan restaurants and shopping centers.

Just beyond the urban centers is an enviable collection of protected parks and wild areas – Eno River, Haw River, Falls Lake, Jordan Lake, Kerr Lake, Umstead Park, Duke Forest.

Some determined natives lament the fading of a North Carolina accent from the Triangle, while others embrace the mixing of cultures that has occurred here for two centuries. But if you look and listen long and hard – at a legislative committee hearing, or the Hillsborough court house, or the state farmers market, or a Franklin County church supper – you'll understand where you are.



Historic  
Hillsborough



Durham Bulls baseball (above), Natural Science museum in Raleigh



## Travel Information

**Capital Area Visitor Center.** (919) 733-3456.  
**Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.** (800) 849-8499 / (919) 834-5900.  
**Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau.** (919) 687-0288.  
**Chapel Hill Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.** (919) 967-7075.  
**Chapel-Hill-Orange County Visitors Bureau.** (919) 968-2060.  
**Franklin County Economic Development Commission.** (919) 554-1863.  
**Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.** (919) 664-7032.

## Culture and Recreation

**Artspace.** Gallery with artists' studios. (919) 733-7417.  
**Historic Hillsborough.** Over 100 late 18th and early 19th century places. (919) 732-8156.  
**Executive Mansion** (Governor's residence), Raleigh. (919) 733-3456.  
**Oakwood Historic District,** Raleigh. 400 private homes from 19th century. (919) 733-3456.  
**Mordecai House and Historic Park,** Raleigh. (919) 834-4844.  
**Wakefield/Joel Lane House.** Oldest home in Raleigh. (919) 733-3456.  
**The State Capitol.** (919) 733-3456.  
**The Legislative Building.** (919) 733-3456.  
**North Carolina Symphony.** (919) 831-6061.  
**North Carolina Museum of Art,** Raleigh. State-funded art museum. (919) 833-1935.  
**North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences,** Raleigh. Focuses on natural history and environment of North Carolina. (919) 733-7450.  
**North Carolina Museum of History,** Raleigh. (919) 715-0200.  
**North Carolina Theatre.** (919) 831-6916.  
**North Carolina State Farmers Market,** Raleigh. (919) 733-7417.  
**City Market,** Raleigh. Spanish mission-style 1914 marketplace. (919) 828-4555.  
**City Gallery of Contemporary Art.** National and regional artists. (919) 839-2077.  
**The Connecting Gallery.** Children's artwork. (919) 733-7417.  
**North Carolina State University,** Raleigh. (919) 515-2011.  
**North Carolina Museum of Life and Science,** Durham. Premier museum for children in the Triangle. (919) 471-4294.  
**Raleigh Little Theatre.** (919) 821-4579.  
**Royall Center for the Arts,** Durham. Fine arts center, home for 167 arts organizations. (919) 560-2787.  
**Duke University,** Durham. (919) 684-2323.  
**Duke University Museum of Art,** Durham. (919) 684-5135.  
**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.** Tours: (919) 962-1630.  
**Morehead Planetarium, UNC-Chapel Hill campus.** (919) 549-6863.  
**Cedar Creek Craft Gallery,** Creedmoor. (919) 528-1041.  
**Village of Ferrington,** near Pittsboro. Country village with fine shops, inn and 5-star dining. (919) 542-4000.

## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

**Pullen Park,** Raleigh. Features a restored 1911 Denzel carousel. (919) 831-6468.  
**William B. Umstead State Park.** (919) 787-3033.  
**Falls Lake.** Northwest of Raleigh. (919) 846-0001.  
**Lake Wheeler.** South of Raleigh. (919) 662-5704.  
**Bennett Place State Historic Site,** Durham. Meeting place for Civil War Generals. (919) 383-4345.  
**Duke Homestead and Tobacco Museum,** Durham. Ancestral home of the Duke family. (919) 477-5498.  
**Stagville Center,** Durham. Center for the study and teaching of preserving wooden buildings. (919) 477-9835.  
**Sarah B. Duke Gardens.** At Duke University, Durham. 55 landscaped areas. (919) 684-5579.  
**Eno River State Park/West Point on the Eno.** North Durham. Park facilities and historic mill. (919) 383-1686.  
**B. Everett Jordan Lake.** U.S. 64. 47,000-acre recreational lake. (919) 362-0586.  
**Duke Forest.** 8,300-acre natural area and environmental laboratory. (919) 613-8013.  
**Durham Bulls.** Class A farm team of the Atlanta Braves. (919) 688-8211.  
**North Carolina Botanical Garden.** Off U.S. 15-501 Bypass.  
**Kerr Reservoir.** 50,000-acre park extending into Virginia. North of Henderson. (919) 438-7791.

## Special Events

**American Dance Festival,** Durham. North Carolina's most prestigious dance event. Midsummer performances. (919) 684-4059.  
**Artsplasure.** April and November, in Raleigh. Music, arts-and-crafts. (919) 832-8699.  
**Lazy Daze.** August, in Cary. Major arts-and-crafts festival. (919) 469-4064.  
**North Carolina State Fair.** October, in Raleigh. (919) 821-7400.  
**Oakwood Christmas Tour.** December, in Raleigh. (919) 832-8881.  
**International Festival of Raleigh.** October, downtown Raleigh. (919) 831-6011.  
**Umbria Jazz Festival.** April, in Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. (919) 966-5454.  
**Festival for the Eno.** Fourth of July weekend, at West Point on the Eno. Continuous musical and dance performances, folk arts and crafts. (919) 477-4549.  
**Centerfest.** September, in Durham. Music performances, international food court, and 120+ visual-artists' booths. (919) 682-5519.  
**Apple Chill Festival.** April, in Chapel Hill. Arts-and-crafts, food, and entertainment. (919) 968-2784.  
**Festfall.** October, in Chapel Hill. Arts-and-crafts, food, and entertainment. (919) 968-2784.  
**Hillsborough Historical Society Home and Garden Tour.** In April. (919) 968-2060.  
**Hillsborough Hog Day Festival.** Barbecue in June. (919) 968-2060.

## Electric Cooperatives

**Wake Electric Membership Corporation** (Wake Forest, Zebulon). (919) 554-6300.  
**Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation** (Hillsborough, Roxboro). (919) 732-2123.

**M**any of North Carolina's best-known qualities are concentrated among these rolling hills of sandy soil: the 60-degree average temperature, longleaf pines, friendly towns, golf courses and car racing.

Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Whispering Pines — these places developed as resorts because of their charming surroundings. Transplants from all over retire here. This is, after all, the golf capital of the world.

Passenger rail travel boosted the development and is celebrated at Hamlet. Car racing continues to fuel it and is celebrated at Rockingham. In between are the more leisurely paced pursuits of horseback riding and bicycling so well suited to the terrain.

Its western edge contains the ancients: Uwharrie mountains and forest, the river named Pee Dee (Catawba phrase for "something good"), and 500-year-old Town Creek Indian Mound ceremonial grounds.

This is the bicentennial year in Carthage: May 10-11.

## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

**Sandhills Horticultural Garden**, Pinehurst. Replica of a formally landscaped Elizabethan garden. (910) 692-6185.

**Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve**, Southern Pines. 600 acres of natural area, plus hiking trails. (910) 692-2167.

**Malcolm Blue Farm**, Aberdeen. Antebellum farm on National Register of Historic Places. (910) 944-3840.

**The House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site**, S.R. 1644, near Sanford. Colonial plantation home. (910) 947-2051.

**Town Creek Indian Mound**, near Mt. Gilead. 500-year-old burial site. (910) 439-6802.

**Uwharrie National Forest**, N.C. 24/27, east of Albemarle. (910) 576-6391.

## Travel Information

**Pinehurst Area Convention and Visitors Bureau**. (800) 346-5362 / (910) 692-3330.

**Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce**. (910) 276-7420.

**Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce**. (910) 572-4300.

**Richmond County Chamber of Commerce**, Rockingham. (800) 858-1688 / (910) 895-9058.

## Special Events

**Southern Pines/Pinehurst House and Garden Tour**. In April.

**U.S. Clay Court Championships**, Pinehurst. (910) 295-8558.

**Carthage Buggy Festival**. May 10-11.

**Malcolm Blue Historical Crafts and Farm-Skills Festival**, Aberdeen. In September.

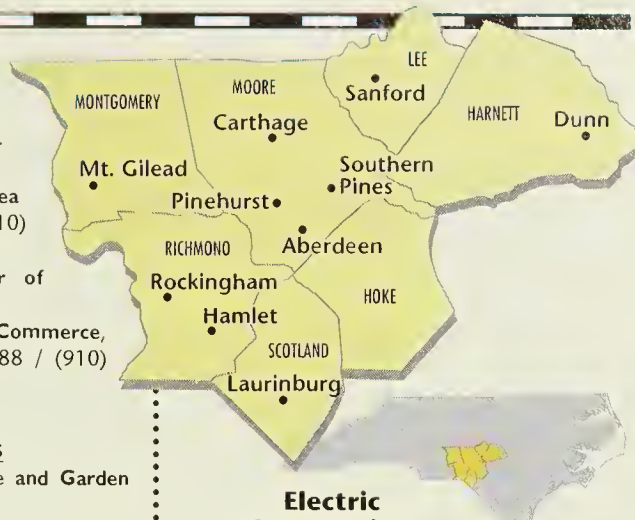
**Antiques Street Fair**, Cameron. In May and October.

**Stoneybrook Steeplechase Races**. April, in Southern Pines. Horse racing since 1948.

**Tour de Moore**. In April. 100-mile bicycle race.

**Springfest**, Southern Pines, April, held same day as Tour de Moore.

**PGA Women's Open**. At Pine Needles, Southern Pines. (800) 295-2094.



## Electric Cooperatives

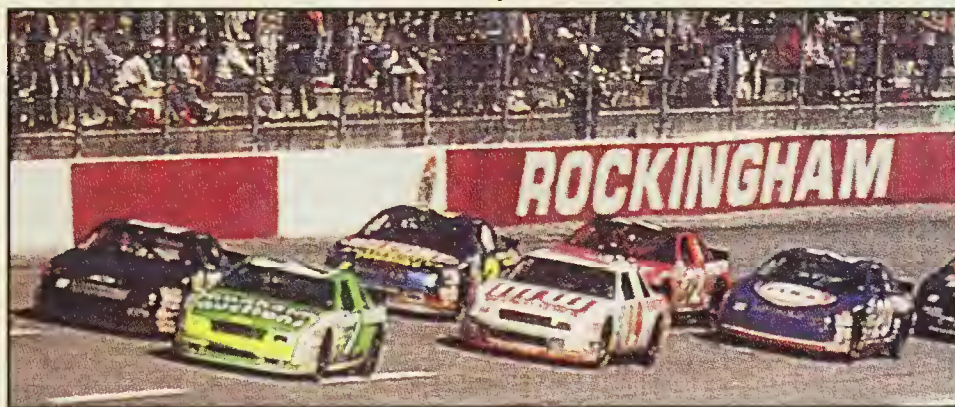
**Central Electric Membership Corporation** (Sanford). (919) 774-4900.

**Randolph Electric Membership Corporation** (Asheboro, Robbins). (910) 625-5177.

**South River Electric Membership Corporation** (Dunn, Stedman, Anderson Creek). (910) 892-8071.

**Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation** (Red Springs, Fairmont, Lake Rim, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Raeford). (910) 843-4131.

**Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation** (Wadesboro, Rockingham). (704) 694-2114.



Winston Cup Series, NASCAR

## Culture and Recreation

**Midland Crafters**, on N.C. 2. Sells the work of many regional craftspeople. (910) 295-6156.

**Sandhills Women's Exchange**, Pinehurst. Hand-made early-American crafts and baked goods. (910) 295-4677.

**The Performing Arts Center**, Southern Pines. Performances by resident groups. (910) 692-3799.

**Tufts Archives**, Pinehurst. James Walker Tufts' dream of Pinehurst displayed. (910) 295-3642.

**Shaw House**, Southern Pines. Ante-bellum home and office of Moore County Historical Association. (910) 692-2051.

**Seagrove Potters**. Pottery country. Most studios open to the public.

**Bethesda Church and Cemetery**, Aberdeen. 1790 historic church. (910) 944-1319.

**National Railroad Museum and Hall of Fame**, Hamlet. Railroad memorabilia.

**N.C. Motor Speedway**, Rockingham. Major NASCAR races. (910) 582-2861

**Rankin Museum of American Heritage**, Ellerbe. Traces humankind's adaptation to environment. (910) 652-6378.

**Cameron Historic District**. 19 historic places. Antique fairs in May and October. (910) 245-3697.



Pinewild  
Country  
Club of  
Pinehurst

## Piedmont Triad

**Y**ou might say that this is the heart of North Carolina. Settled by kind and gentle people, such as Moravians and Quakers, the region evolved into the source of North Carolina's refinement.

Here are the unrivaled sources of the state's furniture, cigarettes, shortbread and barbecue. Here, too, are the finest living history museums, performing arts school and ceramic crafts. And behind them all are the kindhearted communities that gave rise to the image of television's Mayberry.

The pulse of the area emanates from its largest city, Greensboro, where the scene is young and lively and serious. High Point is a moving, shaking place that hosts not only the biggest home furniture expos anywhere, but also an annual Shakespeare festival. Winston-Salem is a humble yet very sophisticated city of fine neighborhoods, arts, business enterprise and historic sites.

Surrounding the Triad cities are the epitome of North Carolina's dedicated communities: textile works, orderly farms, peaceful churches and friendly main streets. Natural features such as Pilot Mountain, Hanging Rock and Yadkin River help explain the steady, piedmont character. And it's out here that you can taste a real "sonker" if you know where to look.



Moravian furniture at  
Old Salem



## Travel Information

Davie County Chamber of Commerce. (704) 634-3304.  
Greensboro Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. (800) 344-2282.  
High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau. (910) 884-5255.  
Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce. (704) 246-5929.  
Mount Airy Visitor Center. (910) 789-4636.  
Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau. (800) 331-7018 / (910) 725-2361.  
Winston-Salem Visitors Center. (910) 797-3796.

## Culture and Recreation

Andy Griffith Playhouse, Mount Airy. (910) 786-7998.  
R.J. Reynolds Tobacco USA, Winston-Salem. Cigarette manufacturing facility and museum. (910) 741-5718.  
Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Winston-Salem. American art displayed in the former home of R.J. Reynolds. (910) 725-5325.  
The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, Winston-Salem. (910) 721-7360.  
Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem. Complex of art galleries. (910) 725-1904.  
The Diggs Gallery, Winston-Salem State University. African-American and contemporary art. (910) 750-2458.  
Reynolda Village, Winston-Salem. Specialty shops, restaurants, and offices in the former farm buildings of R. J. Reynolds.  
Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc., Winston-Salem. Represents 300+ of the Southeast's finest craftsmen. (910) 725-1516.  
North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem. First state-supported arts school in the nation. (910) 721-1945.  
Delta Arts Center, Winston-Salem. Promotes African-American arts and humanities. (910) 722-2625.  
Old Greensboro Preservation Society. Self-guided walking tour of downtown. (910) 272-6617.  
Greensboro Historical Museum. History of the city and surrounding area. (910) 373-2043.  
Weatherspoon Art Gallery, Greensboro. 4,000 works of primarily contemporary American art. (910) 334-5770.  
The Natural Science Center of Greensboro. Hands-on museum, zoo, and planetarium. (910) 288-3769.  
Mattye Reed African Heritage Center, Greensboro (N.C. A&T University). Over 3,500 African art objects. (910) 334-7874.  
The Greensboro Cultural Center at Festival Park. Home to 25 visual- and performing-arts organizations, five art galleries, restaurants, and an amphitheater.  
The Carolina Theater, Greensboro. Restored 1927 vaudeville-style theater. (910) 333-2600.

## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

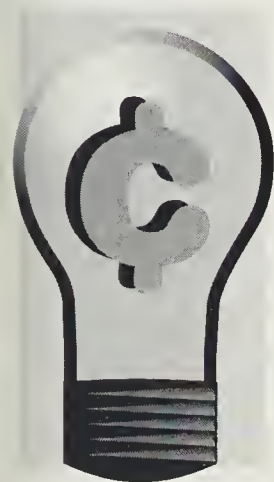
Old Salem, Winston-Salem. 18th- and 19th-century Moravian village. (910) 721-7300.  
Historic Bethabara Park, Winston-Salem. First Moravian settlement. (910) 924-8191.  
Tanglewood. U.S. 158, south of Winston-Salem. 1,152-acre park, home of The Vantage Championship one of the largest PGA tournaments. (910) 766-0591.  
Chinqua-Penn Plantation, Reidsville. 1920s country manor filled with eclectic art. (910) 349-4576.  
Hanes Park. Largest park in Winston-Salem. (910) 727-2137.  
Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. Site of an important Revolutionary War battle. (910) 288-1776.  
Tannenbaum Park, Greensboro. Features restored Revolutionary War house. (910) 545-5315.  
Old Mill of Guilford. N.C. 68, Oak Ridge. Working mill dating back to 1745. (910) 643-4783.  
Blandwood Mansion, Greensboro. Former home of Governor John Motley Morehead. (910) 272-5003.  
High Point Environmental Education Center. Hiking trails and educational programs. (910) 454-4214.  
Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial State Historic Site. U.S. 70, Sedalia. On the campus of the former Palmer Memorial Institute (prestigious preparatory school for African Americans). (910) 449-4846.  
Wright Tavern, Wentworth. Restored 19th century tavern with rare "Dog Run" architecture. (910) 342-5901.  
Bryan Park. U.S. 29. On southern shore of 1,500-acre Lake Townsend. (910) 621-3583.  
Jaycee and Country Parks. North of Greensboro on U.S. 20. (910) 288-2043.  
Oak Hollow Park, High Point. (910) 883-3418.

Emerald Point, Greensboro. Water amusement park. (910) 852-9721.  
Market Square, High Point. Renovated chair factory with 100 contemporary showrooms. (910) 884-5255.  
High Point Historical Museum. (910) 885-6859.  
The Springfield Museum of Old Domestic Art, High Point. (910) 889-4911.  
The Furniture Discovery Center, High Point. Museum dedicated to design and manufacture of home furnishings. (910) 885-3655.  
Angela Peterson Doll and Miniature Museum, High Point. South's largest doll museum. (910) 885-3655.  
The Bernice Bienenstock Furniture Library, High Point. 7,000 volumes on furniture, design and the decorative arts. (910) 883-4011.  
Theatre Art Galleries, High Point. Encompasses three exhibition areas. (910) 887-3415.  
Seagrove. U.S. 220, south of Greensboro. Town with over 20 active potteries.  
SciWorks, Winston-Salem. Hands-on demonstrations for children. (910) 767-6730.  
Richard Petty Museum, Level Cross. (910) 495-1143.  
Burlington Manufacturers Outlet Center. I-85, I-40, Burlington.  
Alamance Country Historical Museum. N.C. 62. (910) 226-8254.  
Edwards-Franklin House, Surry County. 1799 plantation house museum of Surry County Historical Society. (910) 786-8359.  
Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Symphony Orchestra. (910) 723-7919.  
Piedmont Opera Theatre, Winston-Salem. (910) 723-7919.  
Sawtooth Building, Winston-Salem. Houses three art galleries. (910) 725-8916.  
Delta Arts Center, Winston-Salem. African American arts and humanities. (910) 722-2625.  
Fiddle and Bow, Winston-Salem. Triad's traditional music society. (910) 727-8100.  
Piedmont Blues Preservation Society, Greensboro. Series of yearly concerts. (910) 299-4476.  
Piedmont Chamber Singers, Winston-Salem. (910) 722-4022.

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# Making Cents of Your Electric Bill

by James Dulley



**Better than leaving lights on all night.**

## Motion-sensing outdoor security lights

**A**utomatic, motion-sensing, outdoor lights are one of the best security options for any home. They are now available as decorative lanterns, post lights, standard two-bulb floodlights and extra bright halogen lights.

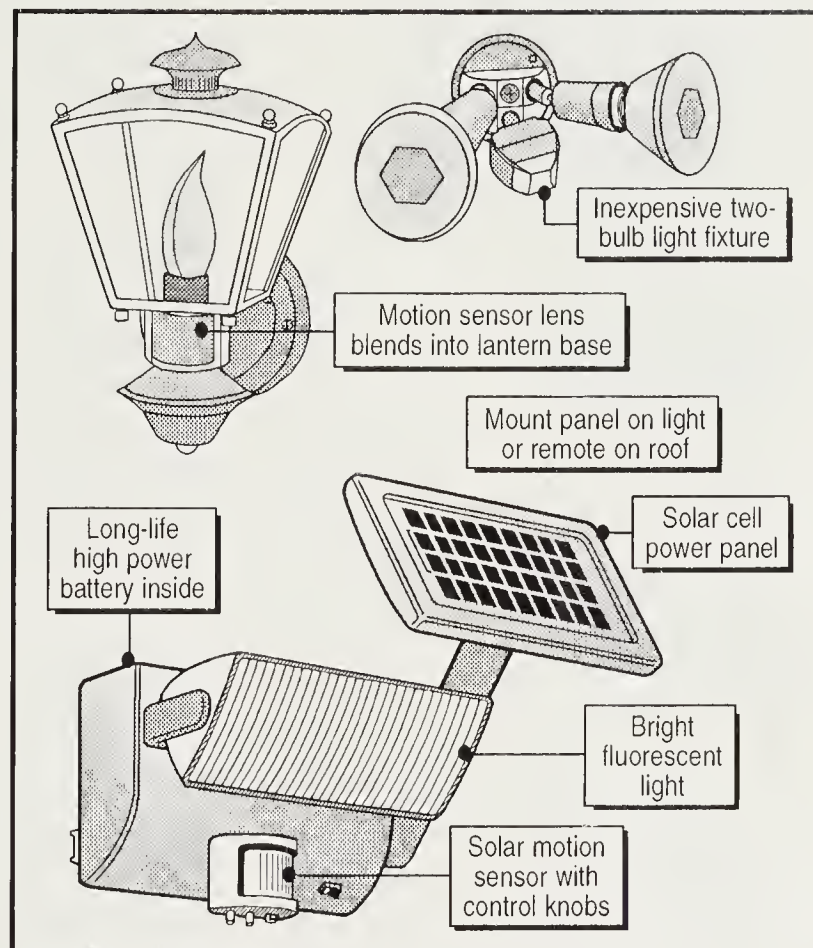
If you already have an outdoor light, just attach an inexpensive, add-on, motion-sensing control to it. The light can still be operated as normal light. Just flip the switch twice and the light stays on as normal.

Motion-sensing lights use only a fraction as much electricity as leaving lights on all night. Installing them can easily save more than \$100 per year in electric bills and pay back their cost in several months.

Easy-to-install solar-powered motion-sensing lights operate for free and use no wiring. Once installed, they require no maintenance. These are ideal for remote areas, garages or storage sheds with no electricity available. The sun charges the built-in battery during the day. One day's charge provides enough power to switch the light on and off more than 150 times. I use an extra-bright solar model with a fluorescent bulb on my tool shed.

In addition to saving electricity, outdoor motion-sensing lights make a would-be thief think he was seen. The ones that I use in my front yard have a transmitter to also switch on an indoor lamp (or alarm) for extra security.

The angle of coverage for floodlights and decorative



Motion sensing lights save electricity and deter burglars

lanterns ranges from a 110 to a 226-degree arc. A greater coverage arc reduces the chance that a burglar can sneak around it. Some decorative post lights provide 360 degree total coverage. The built-in sensor lens is tinted, so it is not obvious.

Adjustable distance sensitivity ranges from a maximum of 30 feet on cheaper ones to a maximum of 100 feet on the best motion-sensing lights. The "on" time, after no motion is detected, is adjustable from one to 20 minutes.

A new feature is a two-level light. The outdoor light can be set to stay on from one hour to all night at a dim (20 percent full brightness) accent level. When motion is detected, it switches to full bright-

ness for several minutes. This provides security and accent lighting in one fixture.

Write for Utility Bills Update No. 799 showing a buyer's guide of 10 motion-sensing electric and solar-powered security lights listing styles, sensitivity arc and distance, features, prices and a cost to operate chart. Please include \$2 and a business-size SASE." Send the \$2 and your request to James Dulley, Carolina Country, 6906 Royal Green Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244.

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# Journal

by Owen Bishop



**We had found a wonderful way to celebrate an anniversary — so wonderful, in fact, it will be a hard act to follow.**

## FYI

**The Col. Ludlow Inn**, 434 Summit at W. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Phone: 800 301-1887 (toll-free) or (910) 777-1887. Eight of its nine rooms offer a king-sized bed, coffee/tea maker, refrigerator, microwave, stereo system with music on CDs and cassettes, TV/VCR with free movies, two-person Jacuzzi (complete with bubble bath, candles and rubber ducky), bathrobes, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, ceiling fans, multiple phones and modem hookup. Some rooms have working fireplaces. One small room has all of the above features except a Jacuzzi. The inn's newest feature is a deluxe exercise room. Rates for Jacuzzi-equipped rooms range from \$69 to \$129, Monday through Friday. Weekend rates are \$179 single or double.

**Zevely House Restaurant**, 901 W. Fourth St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Phone: (910) 725-6666. Serving French-American fare with a Southern influence. Open for dinner Monday through Saturday, 5:30 to 9 p.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for brunch.

**Village Tavern**, 221 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for brunch and 3 to 10 p.m. for lunch and dinner.

## A refreshing escape into Victorian ambiance

This special travel edition offers plenty of ideas for hitting the road to enjoy various North Carolina attractions. But I thought you might also appreciate some tips on places around the state that I've especially enjoyed visiting. I can make far more recommendations than space will allow here so I'll include them in future columns from time to time.

This month, I want to describe a refreshing trip my wife and I took to celebrate our December 28 anniversary in 1994. We were determined to make the most of that particular anniversary because the occasion had been somewhat short changed for several years. While the Yuletide season gave us a glorious backdrop for a wedding, we've often found it difficult to give our anniversary the attention it deserves amid all the holiday hoopla.

As we began making our plans weeks in advance, we knew our celebration must be short-and-sweet because of our responsibilities at home and our usual post-Yuletide budget restrictions. We decided to make a quick trip to Winston-Salem and made arrangements for our two daughters to stay with their grandmother in Asheboro while we were away. We stood firmly by those plans, half expecting to see illness hit the family in Saint Nick's wake, forcing us to cancel this trip as we had many others under such circumstances.

This time, luck was with us: there were no illnesses or last-minute crises to deal with. We even had clear, mild weather for the two-hour drive from Raleigh. By mid-afternoon, we had reached our destination — the Col. Ludlow Inn, two adjacent 100-year-old houses in Winston-Salem's historic West End area near downtown. We quickly escaped into its Victorian ambiance, relaxing, reading, and listening to music on the room's stereo system — using cassettes that are provided in each guest room. (See FYI box for details about the inn's many other amenities.)

As dinner time approached, we strolled just half a block to the Zevely House Restaurant, a small brick building that dates back to 1815. The house was moved to its present site in 1974. After it was refurbished, the restaurant opened the following year.

While waiting for a table, Cynthia and I both had our sights set on the same choice seats: soft, welcoming wing chairs at a small table near the fireplace. The

hostess soon seated us in that inviting spot, where we enjoyed a magnificent meal in cozy comfort.

Returning to our room, we settled down to watch a video we'd chosen from the inn's extensive library of free movies. The next morning we eased into the day with a leisurely breakfast in our room, where the food had been stored in a small refrigerator ready for quick microwaving whenever we were ready to eat. We cranked up the VCR to watch another video movie, taking great pleasure in our freedom to use our time so frivolously.

When check-out time drew near, we somehow managed to shrug off our slothfulness, put on some clothes and gather our bags to leave.

There was still time to visit a few Twin City attractions for a few hours before heading home. Our first stop was the Reynolda House Museum of American Art, the country home of Richard Joshua Reynolds, founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Outstanding art works are exhibited through the house, but we were most intrigued by the furnishings and memorabilia reflecting the lifestyle of the Reynolds family. Among the family items on display are several elegant gowns worn by Katharine Reynolds, including her handsewn wedding outfit, and period clothes and toys from the Reynolds children.

Next stop: Reynolda Village, where Reynolds' former farm buildings have been converted into attractive shops, restaurants and offices. We browsed and shopped for awhile, then took our place in line with the lunchtime crowd at one of the village watering holes — the Village Tavern. The service was fine despite the crowd and our burgers were delicious.

After lunch, we made a beeline for I-40, pointing the car toward Raleigh and home. Although we'd been away for only a little more than 24 hours, Cynthia and I both felt like we'd had a sort of mini-vacation. We agreed we had found a wonderful way to celebrate our anniversary — so wonderful, in fact, it will be a hard act to follow. All in all, we felt the trip was well worth the \$200 or so we'd spent on it.

We haven't been back to the Col. Ludlow since then, although we've tried. The place is often booked up months in advance so we'll just have to plan ahead for a return engagement. You can be sure we will. But I'm not promising we'll wait until our next anniversary!

# Books

by Peggy Howe



## North Carolina Books.

### Charlotte Hawkins Brown: The Woman's Dream

Diane Silcox-Jarrett, 113 pages

Eighteen-year-old Charlotte Hawkins arrived in Sedalia in 1901 to teach in a rural black school. A year later, when ordered to close the school, she responded by opening Palmer Memorial Institute. Despite chronic lack of materials, facilities and funding, her school thrived for 70 years, educating and motivating young black students.

Diane Silcox-Jarrett captured Brown's inspiration: believing every person is special and spreading this belief while overcoming prejudice and mistrust. Brown died Jan. 11, 1961 in Greensboro and is buried on the Palmer campus. In November 1987, the building and grounds opened to the public as a state historic site, the first North Carolina state historic site to honor an African-American and a woman. There, Charlotte Hawkins Brown's spirit and her dream live on, as former students, teachers and general public stop to visit.

Silcox-Jarrett grew up in Roanoke, Va., and Burlington, and currently lives near Raleigh.

Available from bookstores for \$12.95 (softcover) or from John F. Blair, 1406 Plaza Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27103-1470; (800) 222-9796.

### North Carolina's Historic Restaurants and Their Recipes

Dawn O'Brien, 204 pages



From chilled apple soup to poached fish Marseillaise and buttermilk pecan pie, North Carolina's historic restaurants offer a wonderful variety of culinary delights.

Dawn O'Brien explored restaurants from the

Outer Banks to the mountains, learning about each place, its history and food, and persuading chefs and managers to divulge recipes that made their restaurants famous. O'Brien presents an updated and expanded book including 50 restaurants and 140 recipes ranging from family style buffet at Dan'l Boone Inn to traditional French cuisine of La Chaudiere. Settings range from the grand Grove Park Inn to the 19th century Poplar Grove Plantation. A short profile and sketch accompanies each description. The book offers something for every taste and budget — with recipes to reproduce in your own kitchen.

Drawings by Debra L. Hampton enhance the text.

O'Brien acquired her tastes for food variety while growing up "all over the country" with her navy family. She received her M.A. from Wake Forest University, and is author and co-author of seven books featuring historic restaurants in other states.

Available from bookstores for \$14.95 or John F. Blair, 1406 Plaza Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27103-1470; (800) 222-9796.

### On This Day in North Carolina

Lew Powell, 260 pages

Pick a day. Any day. Maybe April 1? On that day and throughout the calendar, you can read tidbits of North Carolina news from basketball to barbecue, from the Civil War to civil rights, from celebrities to ordinary citizens' activities — there's something for everyone.

Lew Powell presents material from his stories during North Carolina's 400th anniversary celebration in a book designed to give an insightful view "of the road we took to get where we are now." Longtime Charlotte Observer reporter and editor, Powell is a Charlotte resident and author of "Lew Powell's Carolina Follies."

Available from bookstores for \$16.95 (paperback) or John F. Blair, 1406 Plaza Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27103; (800) 222-9796.



### Mountain Fever

Tom Alexander, edited by Tom Alexander Jr. and Jane Alexander, 176 pages

"Mountain Fever" chronicles one man's love affair with a region — recounting his adventures as ranger, hunter, fisherman, hiker, pack tripper and resort owner. The reader gets firsthand observations of North Carolina's wildlife, geography and mountain sociology, as well as the development of Cataloochee Ranch and Ski Area from its primitive camp beginnings. As a way to keep loyal ranch hands through the winter season, Alexander began North Carolina's now booming ski industry.

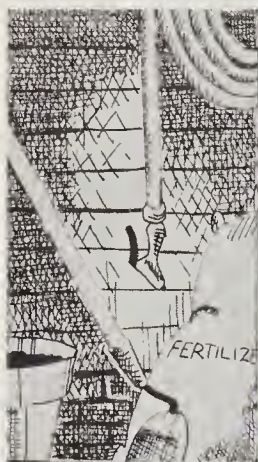
More than 120 photographs illustrate, recreating a sense of a time and place fast disappearing, except in the protected Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Tom Alexander Jr. and his wife Jane are experienced journalists and editors. After years as newspaper reporters and senior editors with major magazines, the two retired to Cataloochee Ranch to a log house they hewed from timber on the property.

Available from bookstores for \$29.95 or Bright Mountain Books, Inc., 138 Springdale Road, Asheville, NC 28803; (704) 684-8840.

# Hank's Gardening Guide

by Hank Smith



**On cool days, complete spring planting of bulbs, summer annuals and vegetables.**

## Vegetable gardening

Now that the soil has warmed, sow seed of okra, field peas, squash, bush and pole beans, corn, cucumbers and pumpkins, if space is available. If tomatoes, peppers and eggplants have not been transplanted, do this job now. Harvest early spring vegetables such as cauliflower, lettuce, broccoli, snow peas and radishes.



## Daylilies can be moved

Usual practice is to transplant daylilies after they finish blooming. But you may want to dig-divide-replant now, while you can arrange plantings by color. Keep the plants watered until roots become well established. Although daylilies may flower satisfactorily for five or six years, they should be dug and divided more frequently. If clumps remain undisturbed too long, roots become matted near the center of the plant. Cramped and crowded roots weaken plants and cause inferior blooms. When digging and separating, leave at least three to five tubers in each clump to be replanted.



*Rudbeckia*

## Perennial grooming

Now's the time to clip off old flower heads of candytuft, thrift, snow-in-summer, santolina, rudbeckia, digitalis, scabiosa, anchusa, delphinium and dianthus. Cut faded seed-forming blooms from all plants. This diverts energy into the plant for production of more flowers.



*Scabiosa*

## Fancy-leaves caladium

These colorful foliage plants make good accents to borders in shady places. The best impact is made when a mass of one variety is planted. Caladiums also are showy accents in shady planters and window boxes. Start tubers indoors in rich soil. After leaves sprout, transplant to well-drained fertile soil. As plants grow, they may produce a bloom which is less colorful than the leaves. This bloom should be removed to divert energy to the tuber and produce showy leaves.

## Dull blade = dull lawn

A dull lawnmower blade will cause grass to show grayish or brownish discoloration shortly after cutting. Check sharpness by picking a few blades of grass to see if they are cut clean. Ragged, stringy ends that have turned brown are indications of dull blades on the mower.

## Bring out houseplants

Many indoor pot plants benefit from spending the summer outdoors. Most are tender and may scorch in full sun, so place them in a shady area. For best results and less frequent watering, sink the pots in flowerbeds or shrub border. Surround them with heavy mulch.

## Pecan care

Pecan casebearer can cause damage to the annual pecan crop. It's important to spray at the proper time. Check with your local County Extension Service for correct spraying dates in your area.

## Attend to the roses

The best time to feed roses is just as the blooming period is ending and new growth is beginning for the next flush of flowers. Use 1/4 cup of 8-8-8 (or similar analysis) fertilizer per bush. Keep a two-to-three inch mulch of coarse organic matter on rose plants to overcome adverse effects of hot weather. Roses need moisture to grow and bloom well. Inadequate moisture slows or halts growth and lowers flower production. Let soil dry out slightly after watering, but do not let plants wilt. During hot or windy weather, you may need to water more frequently.

## Mum cuttings

Make cuttings of your favorite chrysanthemum varieties and root them in a mixture of equal parts sand and peat. Cover the cutting box with clear plastic. Place in a shaded area for several days to prevent wilting. Keep rooting medium moist at all times.

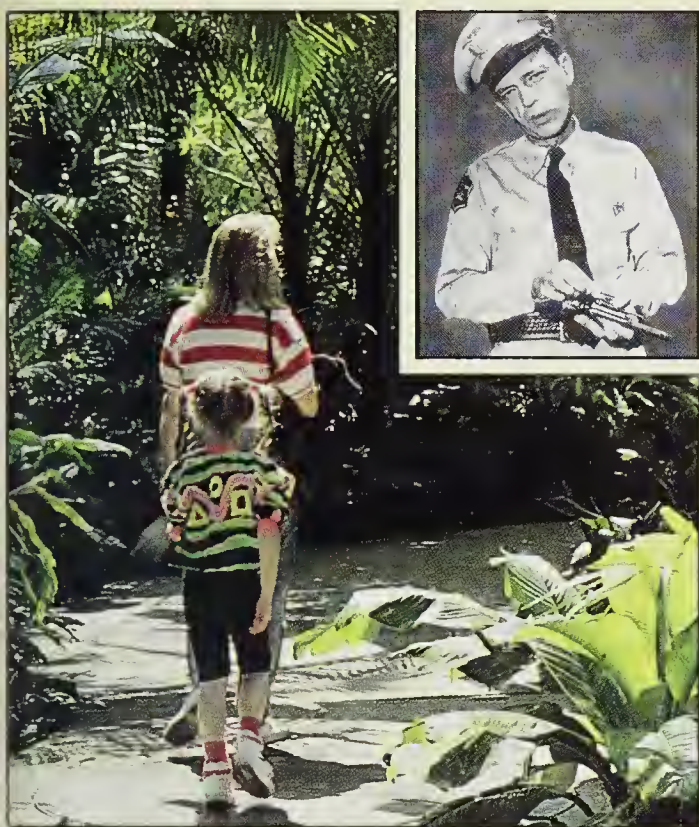
## Mulch

Replenish mulch around trees and shrubs to dress up plant beds, conserve moisture and help to control weeds.

## Trim overgrown azaleas

If you have overgrown azaleas of large-growing types (such as Indicas), you may want to remove some of the spindly, leggy growth. Cut back such growth well into the shrub. Strive to retain the natural habit of growth of the plant. On small plants, induce branching by pinching out tender tips of new growth. Complete all azalea pruning by late May.

# Diedmont Triad



NC Zoo (Asheboro); Fife memorabilia (Mt. Airy)

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## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

- City Lake Park**, High Point. (910) 887-2511.
- North Carolina Zoological Park**. U.S. 220 near Asheboro. Large, natural-environment zoo. (910) 879-7000.
- Alamance Battleground**. N.C. 62. Site of the battle that ended the War of the Regulation. (910) 227-4785.
- Hanging Rock State Park**. N.C. 89, north of Winston-Salem. Largest state park in the Piedmont. (910) 593-8480.
- Pilot Mountain State Park**. U.S. 52, northwest of Winston-Salem. The area's most distinctive geologic attraction. (910) 325-2355.
- Boone's Cave State Park**. N.C. 150, on the Yadkin River. (704) 528-6514.
- Horne Creek Living Historical Farm**, Surry County. Restored farm recreates life and work of 1900-1910. (910) 789-4636.

## Special Events

- Dixie Classic Fair**. October, in Winston-Salem. (910) 727-2236.
- The Crosby National Celebrity Golf Tournament**. Late spring, in Advance. (910) 988-8155.
- The Piedmont Crafts Fair**. Fall, in Winston-Salem. (910) 722-6038.
- The Kmart Greater Greensboro Open Gold Tournament (GGO)**. In April. (910) 379-1570.
- "Sword of Peace."** Outdoor drama, in Snow Camp. (910) 376-6948.
- Snow Camp Historic Site**, Snow Camp. Replica of Quaker community. (910) 376-6948.
- Eastern Music Festival**. June-August, at Guilford College, Greensboro. (910) 333-7450.
- City Stage**. October, in Greensboro. Two-day downtown street fair. (910) 333-7440.
- North Carolina Shakespeare Festival**, High Point. Summer and fall seasons. (910) 841-4273.
- Day in the Park**. September, in High Point. Music, food, crafts, and children's activities. (910) 889-2787.
- Mayberry Days**. Andy Griffith nostalgia in Mount Airy, late September. (910) 786-7998.
- Autumn Leaves Festival**. Mid-October in Mount Airy. (910) 786-6116.

## Electric Cooperatives

- Davidson Electric Membership Corporation** (Lexington, Madison). (704) 249-3131.
- Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation** (Dobson). (910) 386-8241.
- Crescent Electric Membership Corporation** (Statesville, Mocksville, Cornelius, Taylorsville). (704) 873-5241.
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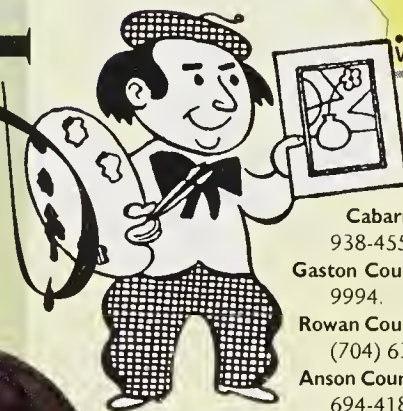
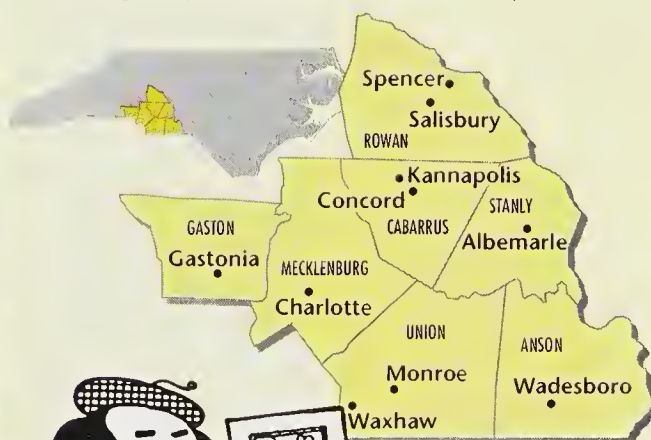
# Greater Charlotte

Ever since they found gold in 1799, this place has been bound for glory. A U.S. Mint coined gold here until 1865. And today it's the financial center of the South.

It is not a gaudy glitter that adorns Charlotte, however. The region shines because it was polished faithfully and carefully, true to the personality of its namesake, Queen Charlotte Sophia of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who assumed control upon the madness of King George III, her husband. (Mecklenburg's patriots, nevertheless, defied the British during the American Revolution causing Lord Cornwallis to give up his occupation of the "damned hornet's nest.")

Today's Hornets, a professional basketball team, buzz in a top-notch coliseum. And this fall, the year-old Panthers, a professional football team, move to a downtown Charlotte stadium. These world-class sports teams are in the same league as the region's art and performance organizations and its business institutions.

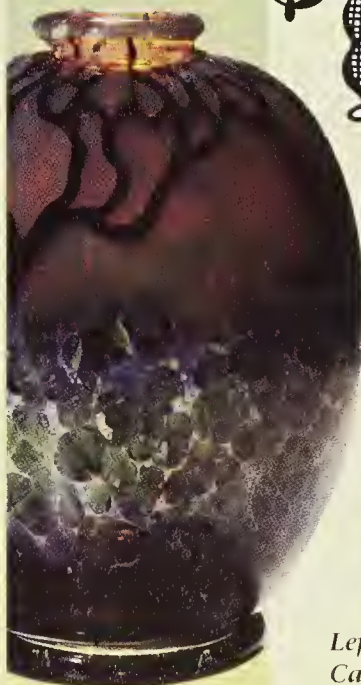
Greater Charlotte leads North Carolina's commercial and industrial enterprise. You see its foundation in the outlying communities of Belmont, Concord, Gastonia and Kannapolis. You see its gentle and stately nature farther out in Waxhaw and Salisbury. You see its eager heirs around Monroe and Wadesboro. You see its fun spirit at Charlotte Motor Speedway and Carowinds. Because of the shine, you can't miss it.



## Travel Information

- Charlotte Convention and Visitors Bureau**. (800) 231-4636.
- Cabarrus County Visitors Center**. (704) 938-4550.
- Gaston County Travel & Tourism**. (800) 849-9994.
- Rowan County Convention & Visitors Bureau**. (704) 638-3100 / (800) 332-2343.
- Anson County Chamber of Commerce**. (704) 694-4181.
- Union County Chamber of Commerce**. (704) 289-4567.

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Left: From the Mint Museum of Art. Top: The North Carolina Transportation Museum, Spencer

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## Culture and Recreation

**A Walk Thru Historic Fourth Ward.** Self-guided tour of Uptown Charlotte. (704) 376-0105.  
**The Mint Museum of Art,** Charlotte. Permanent and changing exhibits. (704) 337-2000.

**University of North Carolina at Charlotte.** Brochure with map at the information booth inside the N.C. 49 entrance.

**The Carolina Raptor Center, Inc.** At Latta Plantation Park. Center for care of injured birds. (704) 875-6521.

**Discovery Place, Charlotte.** Hands-on science and technology museum. (800) 935-0553 / (704) 372-6261.

**The Nature Museum,** Charlotte. Specially designed for small children. (800) 935-0553 / (704) 372-6261.

**The Charlotte Museum of History.** Artifacts of local and regional history. (704) 568-1774.

**Spirit Square Center for the Arts.** Uptown Charlotte's premier arts center. (800) 922-6431 / (704) 372-9664.

**The Afro-American Cultural Center,** Charlotte. Multi-disciplinary arts organization. (704) 374-1565.

**Charlotte Repertory Theatre.** (704) 333-8587.

**Charlotte Trolley Museum.** (704) 375-0850.

**The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.** (704) 332-0468.

**Children's Theatre of Charlotte.** Performances and classes. (704) 333-8938.

**Opera Carolina,** Charlotte. (704) 372-7464.

**The Oratorio Singers of Charlotte.** (704) 332-7464.

**Gaston County Museum of Art and History,** Dallas. (704) 922-7681.

**Charlotte Motor Speedway.** NASCAR racing and tours. (704) 455-2121.

**Paramount's Carowinds.** I-77 on N.C./S.C. border. Theme park. (800) 822-4428 / (704) 588-2606.

**New Heritage USA.** U.S. 21, Fort Mill, S.C. Family-oriented theme park. (800) 374-1234 / (803) 548-7800.

**Schiele Museum of Natural History,** Gastonia. Most frequently visited museum in the state. (704) 864-3962.

**Rowan Museum,** Salisbury. Civil War artifacts, and local history displays.

**North Carolina Transportation Museum/Historic Spencer Shops,** Spencer. (704) 636-2889.



Nationsbank corporate center, Charlotte

## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

**Latta Place/Latta Plantation Park.** Off I-77, Huntersville. 1800's plantation house and grounds. (704) 875-1391.

**Hezekiah Alexander Homesite,** Charlotte. Oldest standing dwelling in Mecklenburg County.

**The James K. Polk Memorial,** Pineville. (704) 337-2000.

**The UNC-Charlotte Botanical Gardens.** (704) 547-4286.

**Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary,** Charlotte. (704) 331-0664.

**McDowell Park and Nature Preserve.** Off N.C. 49 south. The county's largest park.

**Lake Norman.** (704) 373-7303.

**Reed Gold Mine.** N.C. 24/27 east of Charlotte. First documented gold mine in the United States. (704) 786-8337.

**Cannon Village,** Kannapolis. Restored textile mill merchandise center. (704) 938-3200.

**Crowders Mountain State Park.** U.S. 321. Kings Mountain area, site of a major Revolutionary War battle. (704) 867-1181.

**Morrow Mountain State Park.** N.C. 740 east of Charlotte. (704) 982-4402.

**Ramsey Creek Park on Lake Norman.**

**Uwharrie National Forest.** N.C. 24/27, east of Albemarle. (910) 576-6391.

**Salisbury National Cemetery.** (704) 636-2661.

## Special Events

**Carolinas' Carrousel Parade.** Thanksgiving day, in Charlotte. One of the state's most lavish Christmas parades. (704) 372-9411.

**Festival in the Park.** September, in Charlotte. City's oldest and largest festival. (704) 338-1060.

**The Southern Christmas Show.** November, in Charlotte. Cooking clinics, crafts demonstrations, gifts, dollhouses, and antique toys. (800) 532-0189 / (704) 376-6594.

**Metrolina Expo,** Charlotte. Every first and third weekend. Antiques and collectibles. (704) 596-4643.

**Carolina Renaissance Festival,** Huntersville. Recreation of a medieval marketplace. (704) 896-5555.

**The Southern Spring Show.** February/March, in Charlotte. Gardens displays, crafts, and travel exhibits. (800) 532-0189 / (704) 376-6594.

**SpringFest.** April, in Charlotte. Arts-and-entertainment extravaganza. (704) 322-7281.

## Electric Cooperatives

**Union Electric Membership Corporation** (Monroe, Oakboro). (704) 289-3145.

**Crescent Electric Membership Corporation** (Statesville, Mocksville, Cornelius, Taylorsville). (704) 873-5241.

**Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation** (Wadesboro, Rockingham). (704) 694-2114.

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# Catawba Foothills

Indians of the Catawba strain ("people of the river banks") were well settled here and into South Carolina when DeSoto passed through in 1540. Cherokee lived in the western hills. Today you can see how they sustained themselves heartily raising food and animals in these wide open lands.

Later, people came here and stayed on because it seemed so healthful, with mountain springs, broad lakes and rivers plentiful flowering grasslands, and views of distant mountains. Gemstones in the foothills were a big draw, too. So were the big pine stands.

In the late 1920s, the Morse brothers carefully made Lake Lure, Chimney Rock and the Hickory Nut Gorge area into a tasteful attraction where visitors can appreciate the natural surroundings.

It's obvious that widescale, fast-paced development is not the norm here. Towns like Hickory, Morganton, Marion, Rutherfordton and Forest City have a self-assured sense about them. Shelby's hand some downtown and Tryon's horse-country environment deliver a message that they know what they are about and where they are headed.

Relaxed driving in this region can be one of the most satisfying excursions in all of North Carolina.



## Travel Information

**Burke County Visitor Information Center.** (704) 437-3021  
**McDowell Tourism Development Authority,** Marion. (800) 237-6111.

**Greater Hickory Convention and Visitors Bureau.** (704) 322-1335.

**Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce.** (704) 625-2725.

**Rutherford County Tourism Development.** (704) 286-1111 / (800) 849-5998.

**Polk County Visitors Center,** Tryon. (800) 440-7848.

**Cleveland County Economic Development Commission** Shelby. (704) 484-4999.

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## Culture and Recreation

**Old Burke County Courthouse**, Morganton. Contains Heritage Museum. (704) 437-4104.

**Newton Historic District**. Includes Catawba County Museum of History. (704) 465-7400.

**Maple Grove and Propst House**, Hickory. Open by appointment. (704) 322-4731.

**Murray's Mill**, Catawba. Restored family grist mill. (704) 465-0383.

**Punker Hill Covered Bridge**, Claremont. One of two in N.C. (704) 465-0383.

**Arts and Science Center of Catawba Valley**, Hickory. (704) 324-4906.

**Hickory Furniture Mart**. (704) 322-3510.

**Hickory Motor Speedway**. NASCAR track. (704) 464-3655.

**Hiddenite Gems**, Hiddenite. "Gem Capital of the World." (704) 632-3394.

**Hiddenite Center**, Hiddenite. 1914 mansion, gems, art, dolls. (704) 632-6966.

**Marson House**, Marion. Early 19th century house of family who gave townsite. (704) 724-4640.

**Lincolnton Cultural Center**, Lincolnton. Museum of history; performance hall. (704) 739-9055.

**Courts Warehouse**, Shelby. Colonial revival warehouse home to the Farmers' Market.

**Mountain Gateway Museum**, Old Fort. (704) 668-9259.

**Sen. Sam Ervin Jr. Library**, Morganton.

**Green River Plantation**, south of Rutherfordton. (704) 287-0983.

**Globe Theater**, Alexander Mills. Like Shakespeare's.

**Cleveland County Historical Museum**, Shelby. (704) 482-8186.

**Kings Mountain Fire Department Historical Museum**. Kings Mountain. (704) 734-0555.

**Grier Beam Truck Museum**, Cherryville. (704) 435-3072.

**Arts and Science Center**, Statesville. (704) 873-4734.

## Special Events

**Spring Thing**. May 6 in Rutherfordton. (704) 286-6020.

**Arts & Crafts Show**. May 13 in Catawba. (704) 241-9494.

**Verfest**. Burke County, May 20. (704) 439-4365.

**Anging on the Mountain**. Grandfather Mtn., June 25. (704) 733-2013.

**Highland Games**. Grandfather Mtn., July 8-9. (704) 733-1333.



Chimney Rock State Park

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**Chimney Rock Park**, near Bat Cave. View of Lake Lure and Blue Ridge Mountains, plus recreation areas. (800) 277-9611.

**Linville Gorge**. Wilderness area in Pisgah National Forest. (704) 652-2144.

**Linville Caverns**, between Linville and Marion. Massive limestone caves. (704) 756-4171.

**Lake James State Park**, Nebo. (704) 652-5047.

**Bottomless Pools**, Lake Lure. Natural area in Hickory Nut Gorge.

**South Mountains State Park**, Connelly Springs. (704) 433-4772.

**Crowder's Mountain State Park**, Kings Mountain. (704) 867-1181.

**Boone's Cave State Park**, Yadkin River near Troutman. (704) 528-6524.

**Duke Power State Park** (Lake Norman). (704) 528-6350.

## Electric Cooperatives

**Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation** (Forest City, Morganton, Crouse). (704) 245-1621.

**Crescent Electric Membership Corporation** (Statesville, Mocksville, Cornelius, Taylorsville). (704) 873-5241.

**Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation** (Lenoir). (704) 754-9071.



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# The Blue Ridge

As American pioneers moved westward, the Blue Ridge Mountains slowed them down. So many of them settled here. These are big mountains, the highest in the East.

The views to peaks and misty valleys inspired a national park through here—the Blue Ridge Parkway—solely for driving and gazing. All along it are engaging communities and cool, beautiful wild areas.

Asheville is its anchor and is indeed a solid, magnetic city. The Grove Park Inn, Biltmore Estate and business area testify to a vision limited only by the sky.

Farther up into the mountains, the scale and quiet become enormous. The challenge of living here is reflected in the unassuming communities. They understand the balance they must acquire in such awesome nature. You can sense it in the inspired music and handcrafts made here. You have to see this place and touch it to believe it.



## Travel information

**Blue Ridge Parkway**. 470-mile National Park scenic highway extending from Shenandoah National Park to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. 250 miles in North Carolina. (704) 271-4779.

**North Carolina High Country Host**. Travel and accommodations information. (800) 438-7500.

**N.C. Welcome Center** (I-40 West). (704) 627-6206.

**Alleghany Chamber of Commerce**. (910) 372-5473.

**Ashe County Visitors Center**. (910) 246-9550.

**Asheville Travel and Tourism Office**. (800) 257-1300.

**Avery County Chamber of Commerce**, Newland. (704) 733-4737.

**Banner Elk Chamber of Commerce**. (704) 898-5605.

**Beech Mountain Chamber of Commerce**. (704) 387-9283.

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**Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce.** (704) 669-2300.  
**Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.** (704) 295-7851.  
**Boone Convention & Visitors Bureau.** (800) 852-9506.  
**Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce.** (704) 726-0616.

**Madison Chamber of Commerce.** (704) 689-9351.  
**Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce,** Spruce Pine. (704) 765-9483.  
**Mountain Information Centers,** Asheville. (704) 258-4662.  
**Wilkes County Chamber of Commerce.** (910) 838-8662.  
**Yancey County Chamber of Commerce,** Burnsville. (704) 682-7413.

## Culture and Recreation

**Museum of North Carolina Minerals.** Part of Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center.  
**Ashe County Arts Center.** (910) 246-ARTS.  
**Ashe County Frescoes.** At St. Mary's Episcopal Church, outside West Jefferson. (910) 982-3076.  
**Ashe County Cheese Co.** Landmark attraction. (910) 246-2501.  
**Caldwell Historical Museum,** Lenoir. (704) 758-4004. (704) 758-1496.  
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**Goodwin Guild Weavers,** U.S. 321 Bypass. (704) 295-3394.  
**Parkway Craft Center,** Blue Ridge Parkway. Sales outlet for Southern Highlands Handicraft Guild. (704) 295-7938.  
**Hound Ears Lodge and Club,** south of Boone. Two-slope ski mountain. (704) 963-4321.  
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**Western North Carolina Farmers Market,** Asheville. (704) 253-1691.  
**Biltmore Homespun Shops,** Asheville. Shops and weaving museum adjoins Grove Park Inn. (704) 253-7651.  
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## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

**New River State Park.** Ashe County. (910) 982-2587.  
**Mt. Jefferson State Park.** (910) 246-9653.  
**Cumberland Knob.** 1,000 acres, 2,740 feet high. Upper Alleghany County on the parkway.  
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**Fort Defiance.** Home of Gen William Lenoir family or site of a late-18th century fort. Yadkin Valley. (704) 726-0616.  
**Tom "Dooley" Dula-Laura Foster.** Grave and memorial marker. Victim of love triangle, 1866. Wilkes County.  
**Stone Mountain State Park.** Northeast Wilkes County. (910) 957-8185.  
**Rendezvous State Forest.** Talking tree trail. Western Wilkes County. (910) 667-5072.  
**W. Kerr Scott Reservoir.** Wilkes County. (910) 921-3390.  
**The Blowing Rock,** off U.S. 321. Viewing area and gift shop. (704) 295-7111.  
**Mount Mitchell State Park,** Yancey County. Highest peak in the East. (704) 675-4611.  
**Grandfather Mountain,** near Linville. Park with visitor center, trails, overlooks. (800) 468-7325.  
**Linville Gorge.** Wilderness area in Pisgah National Forest. (704) 652-2144.  
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**Western North Carolina Nature Center,** Asheville. Animals and plants in natural habitat. (704) 295-5600.  
**University Botanical Gardens,** Asheville. (704) 252-5190.  
**Craggy Gardens,** off Blue Ridge Parkway. Trails with views. (704) 298-0398.  
**Zebulon B. Vance Homestead,** near Weaverville. State Historic Site, reconstructed home of North Carolina Civil War-era statesman. (704) 645-6706.

## Special Events

**Albert Hash Memorial Festival.** Ashe County Park. Early June. (910) 246-4483.  
**Christmas in July.** West Jefferson. July 4 weekend. (910) 877-1592.  
**Fiddlers Convention.** Ashe County. Early August. (910) 982-9024.  
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Above: Shelton House, Waynesville

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**Brevard Music Center.** (704) 884-9064.

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**Henderson County Farmers Mutual Curb Market,** Hendersonville. (704) 692-8012.

**Flat Rock Playhouse Theatre.** Summer theater. (704) 693-0731.

**Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum.** (704) 369-7831.

**Macon County Historical Society.** In the historic Pendergrass building, Franklin. (704) 524-9758.

**Macon County Art Association.** (704) 524-9647.  
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**Llama treks.** (704) 627-6986.

**John C. Campbell Folk School,** Brasstown. Traditional Appalachian crafts school since 1925. (704) 837-2775.

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**Brevard/Transylvania County Tourism.** (800) 648-4523.

**Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce.** (704) 743-5191.

**Cherokee Indian Reservation.** (800) 438-1601.

**Dillsboro Merchants Assn.** (704) 586-6542.

**Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce.** (800) 336-7829.

**Greater Haywood County Chamber of Commerce.** (800) 334-9036.

**Henderson County Travel & Tourism.** (800) 828-4244.

**Highlands Chamber of Commerce.** (704) 526-2112.

**Jackson County Travel & Tourism.** (800) 962-1911.

**Maggie Valley Chamber of Commerce.** (704) 926-1686.

## Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

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**Quilt Festival.** October in Hendersonville. (800) 828-4244.

**Summer Festival of Music,** Brevard. At Brevard Music Center. (704) 884-9064.

**Festival of the Arts,** Brevard. Early July. (704) 884-2787.

**Macon County Gemboree.** July and October. (704) 524-3161.

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**Christmas Parade,** Sylva. Thanksgiving Saturday.

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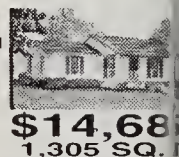
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## The Great North Carolina County Quiz

Use this list to fill in the boxes on the previous page. Answer will be published in June.

### 12 Letters

Transylvania

### 11 Letters

Mecklenburg  
Northampton

### 10 Letters

Cumberland  
Montgomery  
Pasquotank  
Perquimans  
Rockingham  
Rutherford  
Washington

### 9 Letters

Alexander  
Alleghany  
Brunswick  
Cleveland  
Currituck  
Edgecombe  
Granville  
Henderson

### 8 Letters

Alamance  
Beaufort  
Buncombe  
Cabarrus  
Caldwell  
Carteret  
Cherokee  
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Franklin  
Guilford  
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Gaston  
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Orange  
Pender  
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Stokes  
Warren  
Wilkes  
Wilson  
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Avery  
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Davie  
Gates  
Jones  
Macon  
Moore  
Rowan  
Surry  
Swain  
Union  
Wayne  
Vance

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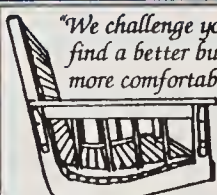
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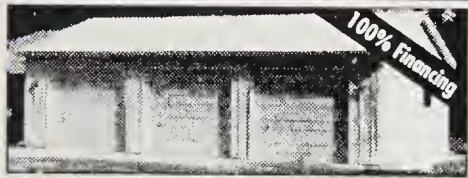
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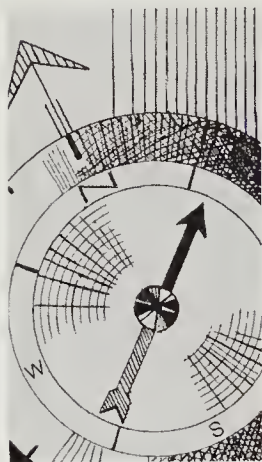
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May 3-4, Asheville

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## Mayfest Centennial Salute

May 4-5, Salisbury

Special presentation of afghan designed by artist Betty Sedberry, commemorating the centennial of Spencer Shops. Live entertainment, children's areas, arts camps, a classic car show and more. (704) 638-9887.

## Spring Festival

May 4, Whitakers

The Enfield Academy celebrates its 30th anniversary in conjunction with the annual festival. Entertainment, games, crafters, special exhibits, food and a drawing for prizes. (919) 437-7711.

## Spring Fest '96

May 4, Jefferson

Festival of arts for children. Exhibits, demonstrations, music, hands-on arts and crafts activities and food. Professor Piffle's Polymorphic Balloons. At Mountain View Elementary School. (910) 246-ARTS.

## Spring Fest '96 Auto Fair

May 4, Shelby

Over 100 food and craft vendors, antique cars, health fair, pets on parade, children's area, fireman's muster and local entertainment. (704) 482-8186.

## Equestrian Shows

May 4 & 18, Monroe

New indoor arena at Meridian Farms seats 400. (704) 764-9410.

## Antiques and Collectibles

May 4, Cameron

Street fair in Cameron, south of Raleigh off U.S.1 on Highway 24/27 between Sanford and Southern Pines. (910) 944-4221.

## Happening II Festival

May 5, Tarboro

Blues, beach and bluegrass music, Chuck Davis and the African-American Dance Ensemble, crafts, historical demonstrations, antiques, Kid's Korner and lots of food. (919) 823-4159.

## "Steel Magnolias"

May 9-11, Williamston

Presented by the Martin Community Players on the campus of Williamston High School. Call Allan Osborne, (919) 792-7881.

## Bicentennial Buggy Festival

May 10-11, Carthage

Major bicentennial celebration for Carthage. Entertainment includes The Platters on Saturday night and Jackie Gore on Friday night. More buggies, carriages and equipment this year. Buggymaking demonstrations, classic car show, crafts, antiques, food, entertainment. Downtown. (910) 947-2504.

## Spring Antiques Show

May 10-11, Lenoir

Antique furniture, glassware, linens and jewelry. At the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Tickets are \$4.50 in advance, \$5 at the door. Benefits Caldwell Memorial Hospital Foundation. (704) 757-5525.

## Historic

## Neighborhood Festival

May 11, Charlotte

Plaza-Midwood Maynia Festival Home and Garden Tour. Features seven historic homes/bungalows, 5K run, pet parade, arts and music. For all ages. (704) 376-4099.

## Mai Fest

May 11, Williamston

Arts, crafts, dance performances, petting zoo, food and entertainment. At Williamston High School. (919) 792-1575.

## Street Festival

May 11, Denton

Denton Dance and Sports Festival. Music, dance, crafts, NASCAR showcars and a personal appearance by Bobby Labonte. Music by The Embers and a performance by The Hickory Flat Hoedowners, a national championship clogging group. (704) 869-5975.

## 18th Century Muster

May 11-12, Burlington

Live-in and militia muster at Alamance Battleground State Historic Site commemorates the 225th anniversary of the May 16, 1771 Battle of Alamance with "Loyal Revolt" drama and battle re-enactment. Demonstrations of colonial military and domestic life. (910) 227-4786.

## Catawba Valley Artists

May 11-17, Hickory

12th annual Spring Art Competition and Exhibition of the Catawba Valley Art League at the Hickory Furniture Mart. Four categories of recent regional art. (704) 328-8183.

## Chicken Festival

May 16-18, Siler City

Industrial farm/city tour, golf tournament, street fair and dance. Chicken Biddies parade at 9:30 a.m. (919) 742-3333.

## Lake Eden Arts Festival

May 17-19, Black Mountain

Music by David Wilcox, Ralph Blizzard & the New Southern Ramblers and more. Dance, drumming, poetry, storytelling, hand-crafts and spiritual/healing arts Workshops and jam sessions (bring instruments) for all skill levels will be offered in most arts. At Camp Rockmont. Camping available. Early registration encouraged, limited tickets available at the gate. (704) 68-MUSIC.

## Founders Day Festival

May 18, Lake Park

Family festival including Union County's spring parade, community barbecue, dedication of Union County's newest park, afternoon concert by the Reflections, horse and buggy rides, street train ride and more. (704) 882-6267.

## Forgotten Past

May 18, Sandy Ridge

Old-time exhibition of antique farm machinery, cars, wagons, mu teams, Revolutionary and Civil War Infantry encampments, count store, arts and crafts, quilt making, blacksmithing, tinsmithing, horse rides, and gospel, country and bluegrass music. Admission is \$2, children under 12 free. At Sandy Ridge Community Center. (910) 664-4030.

## Lake Norman Festival

May 18, Mooresville

Arts, crafts, exhibits, motorsports auction & pavilion, business expo, children's adventure land, cultural events and entertainment. (704) 664-3898.

## Butterfly Saturday

May 18, Hudson

Annual arts and crafts festival. A classic and antique cars, and the crowning of Little Mr. and Mrs. Hudson. (704) 728-8272.

## Golf Tournament

May 18, Shallotte

Eighth annual South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce golf tournament. (910) 754-6644.

## **Springtime on the Plantation**

**May 18, Windsor**

Eastern N.C. pig-picking, barbecued chicken, Scottish entertainment on the front lawn of Hope Plantation. Tours of the c. 1803 home of Governor David Stone. 4 miles west of Windsor on Highway 108. For reservations call (919) 794-140.

## **Shore Cabarrus Festival**

**May 18, Concord**

Activities for all ages in downtown Concord. Children's games, over 50 arts/crafts booths, gold panning, art displays, dance schools, square dancing, choirs and lots of food. (704) 782-4111.

## **Seafood Festival**

**May 18, Englehard**

Music, arts, crafts, children's area, historical exhibits, and lots of seafood. On Main Street. (919) 55-9461.

## **Le Mill Crank-Up**

**May 18-19, Sanford**

History, a working saw mill, basket making, gospel and country singing, wood carving, soap making, a whiskey still and the parade float. Contact Kenton Peterson, 3805 Caribton Rd., Sanford, N.C. 27330.

## **Art in the Park**

**May 18 & June 8, Blowing Rock**

Art and craft show. At the American Legion Grounds downtown. (704) 295-7851.

## **Arts & Crafts at the Gap**

**May 24-26, Highlands**

Art and craft show at Sassafras Campground on Highway 28 South. Live entertainment and food. \$1 for 3-day pass; children under 12 free. (704) 526-3181.

## **Wagon Train and Trail Ride**

**May 24-26, Ellerbe**

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## **Thermal City Miners**

**May 24-27, Rutherford County**

A family meet for recreational gold miners. Equipment demos, gem cutting, and gold panning contests. Free. (704) 286-3016 after 6 p.m.

## **Deep River**

### **Crescent Celebration**

**May 25, Gulf**

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## **Ice Cream Social**

**May 26, Gulf**

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## **Antique Bottles & Collectibles**

**May 24-25, Lumberton**

At the National Guard Armory. Free. Call (910) 738-6075.

## **Art Train**

**May 30-June 2, Spencer**

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## **Special Olympics**

**May 31 - June 2, Raleigh**

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## **4-H Canoe Race**

**June 1, West Jefferson**

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## **Civil War Relics**

**June 1-2, Smyrna, Tenn.**

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## **"Sneydsborough"**

**June 6-8, 13-15, Wadesboro**

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## **Jobs for Elders**

**June 14, Raleigh**

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#### **A Bogue Banks Tradition**

**Though June 2, Beaufort**

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### **Oconaluftee Indian Village**

**Opens May 15, Cherokee**

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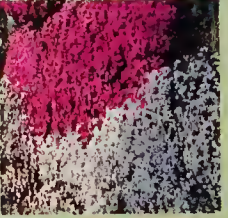
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